**EXPLANATIONS**

## PCC Logo Small

**Useful Vocabulary:**

As a result / Consequently / Therefore / Subsequently / This enabled / This allowed / Since

This was caused by / This resulted from

Because / Owing to the fact / Due to

This can be explained by… / This is supported by the fact ….

Another reason why …

**Planning:**

conclusion

second reason

First reason

introduction

**Why dragons are extinct**

It is a well known fact that, up until a few hundred years ago, dragons roamed Wales terrorising villages with their fiery breaths and capturing maidens. So why are they now extinct?

Experts think that the main reason is the rise of football and rugby. Because so many Welsh fans started wearing the colours of St George, the dragons fled to remote moorlands.

Unfortunately, the very cold weather of the moorlands meant that dragons’ favourite green foods (gooseberries, cabbage and spinach) refused to grow. These plants were not only vital for the dragons’ health but also for their colour which provided camouflage in the woods. Slowly, the green dragons turned purple, caused by eating too much heather.

It is this colour change that led to their final extinction. Once the heather had died away in the autumn, the dragons could no longer hide because their purple scales made them easily visible. This enabled local bounty hunters to hunt and destroy them.

So that is why the only dragons you see in Wales today are in pictures, books and films.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Introduction: what is being explained? |  |
| Key reason why they are wiped out |  |
| Related reason (1): |  |
| Related reason (2): |  |
| Conclusion |  |

Why Dinosaurs became extinct

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Introduction: what is being explained? |  |
| Key reason why they are wiped out |  |
| Related reason (1): |  |
| Conclusion |  |

Characteristics of a hero

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Showing self-sacrifice |  |
| Experiencing downfall / challenge to overcome |  |
| Having a tragic flaw |  |
| A sense of him being ‘greater than life’ |  |
| Showing the ability to forgive |  |
| Moving from being an outsider to an insider |  |

<http://www.literacyshed.com/the-christmas-shed.html>

