

Virtual

# LONE★STAR Storytelling Festival



## Discussion Guide

### “Vikram and Betal”

Facts on Fiction: “Vikram and Betal” comes from a series of stories in Indian mythology. The stories follow King Vikram and Betal, the vampire. The storytelling vampire tells Vikram 25 different stories all with a riddle at the end.

What are some ways you think a person could transport a vampire from one place to another?

Who asks King Vikram to bring him Betal, the vampire?

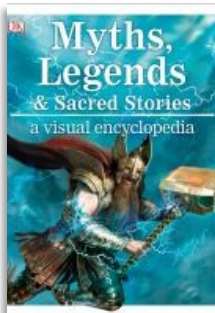
When Vikram meets Betal, what kind of tree is he hanging in?

Betal says that he will tell Vikram a story and then ask him a question. Betal will fly away if Vikram does what two things?

What objects injured the first and second princesses?  
What injured the third princess?

What happened at the end of the story? Did the ending surprise you?

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