Legendary Literacy: Reading with a Purpose

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As you know, we have been reading a legend. Legends are stories that used to be told from person to person, rather than written down as many are now. The last time we read the legend with our partners, our purpose was simply to comprehend (to understand) what the story was about. We also tried to retell the story with our partners so we could take part in the oral tradition of storytelling. Now we are going to look closer at some of the techniques for telling a good legend. As you read with your partner this time, your purposes are these: (a) try to find words and phrases that move the story forward in time. These are called *transition words*; (b) try to find words and phrases that help you *visualize* parts of the story. This storytelling technique is called *using imagery* because it helps the reader to form an *image* (a picture) in his or her mind.

Please record your findings in the chart below. If you need more space, you may use the back of the page.

Transition Words and Phrases (other than "And then" and "Next")	**Words and Phrases that use Imagery to Help us Visualize Certain Parts of the Story**