



It's the 70th Anniversary of the Sandhurst Legends of Sport Competition. To win the glittering gold trophy, the players will need to go one better. Read the series and find out who can take the heat.

Hang on to your helmet. It's the first round of the Anniversary Sandhurst Legend of Sport and the competition is extreme. Mitchell wants to retain the title, but Travis has had all year to plan his revenge. It could get dirty. Find out when they *Race at the Rock*.

### The Anniversary Legends Book One:

#### About the Story

### Race at the Rock

This year's Legend event was dedicated to the memory of Hughie McLean, a boy who died seventy years ago.

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In a small group, discuss the following questions:

- What events, medals, trophies, etc. do you know of that commemorate the deeds of a great person?
- Why do communities honour people in this way?
- What qualities should such a person have?

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Following your discussion, try to agree on an answer to the following questions:

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- If a trophy was to be awarded annually at your school who should it be named after and for what reason?

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- What would the recipient have to achieve to win this award?

Share your group's ideas with the rest of the class.

#### Applying an Event from the Story to Real Life

Following Travis's victory in the triathlon, Mitchell offered to shake his hand. Travis refused.

Consider the following questions:

- What does this tell us about the way Travis plays sport?
- Why is it valued highly when opponents shake hands?
- What are some other situations in which people shake hands?
- What is a good alternative to shaking hands after a sporting contest?

Now you've thought carefully about why people shake hands and what it means when people refuse, write a short passage about the act of shaking hands. Share it with your friends.

### About the Characters

Mitch values the friendship of his mates – Luci, Bryce, Bubba, Becky and Rat.

Give one example for each of these friends of how they helped Mitch during the Legend of Ghost Rock.

Lucy	
Bryce	
Bubba	
Becky	
Rat	

### About the Sport

The main event of the Legend of Ghost Rock was the triathlon, an endurance sport which combines swimming, cycling and running.

For each leg of the triathlon, complete the following table:

	Swimming	Cycling	Running
The biggest challenge			
The best advice			
An important safety tip			

## Word Study

The competition this year is known as the 70th Anniversary Legend of Sandhurst.

- What does 'anniversary' mean?
- How is this word related to the word 'annual'?

Triathlon is a sporting event with three separate parts.

- What part of the word 'triathlon' means three?
- How many other words do you know which use the 'tri' prefix to mean three?

## About the Author



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