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**65** protector and an inspiring figure.

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**119** dragon fled to England.

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## Quick Questions



1. What is the meaning of the word inspiring?  
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2. When was the first recorded use of the red dragon?  
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3. Why is it unusual to have a dragon on a flag?  
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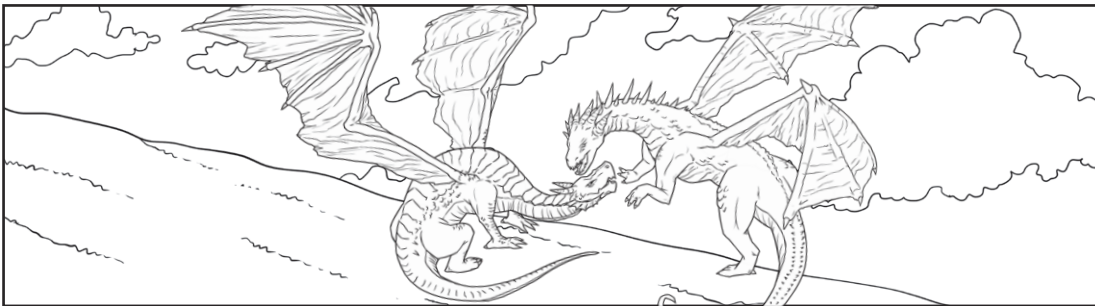
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## Quick Questions - Answers



1. What is the meaning of the word inspiring?

**Accept answers meaning that dragons made people feel good or positive.**



2. When was the first recorded use of the red dragon?

**Around AD 820.**



3. Why is it unusual to have a dragon on a flag?

**Accept answers relating to the fact they were seen as dangerous.**



4. What is the theme of each paragraph?

**Accept answers similar to: The first paragraph talks about the history of the red dragon, the second about the legend of the red dragon and the third the use of the word dragon by kings or Arthur's father.**