



Myths, Legends and Fables

Quick Guide Grades 3-8

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Each of us is writing a story!

Stories have been told to inspire the hero in each of us

A Hero:

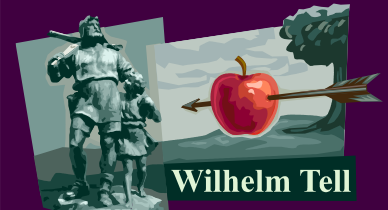
- ❖ A person decides to do their best
 - ❖ He/she battles fears and develops self-confidence
 - ❖ The person becomes a positive example to others
 - ❖ The person completes a great task that helps others
- ❖ **Legends are often about people who dared to live their lives courageously.**
We can learn how to write our own *life* stories by knowing theirs. Legends are about real people. Over time people exaggerated aspects of the story.
 - ❖ **Tall Tales** exaggerate the stories of real or fictional people to the point of absolute impossibility.
 - ❖ **Myths are stories that explain something.**
Myths usually involve supernatural creatures. Many myths come from ancient Greece such as Zeus and Pan.
 - ❖ **Fables are told to teach.**
Fables include talking animals.
The Wizard of Oz
Tortoise and the Hair

Stories connect our small worlds to a much larger world. Without traveling away from home, we can use what we learn by reading to make our dreams more than dreams. We can walk the talk like people we admire in music, sports, medicine, statesmanship, theater---in any field we choose.

Legend

Story of real person or event to which some exaggeration is added

William Tell



Robin Hood

Pocahontas

Johnny Appleseed

Historical figures:

Abraham Lincoln

Harriet Tubman

Dr. Martin Luther King

George Washington

Mother Teresa

Tall Tales:

Davy Crockett

Pecos Bill

John Henry

Paul Bunyan

Myths:

Pan and Syrinx

Zeus

Apollo

Poseidon

Fables:

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Lion King

Wizard of Oz

1001 Arabian Nights

Emperor's New Clothes