

Folktales



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FOLKTALE

A timeless tale passed on through generations by word of mouth. They can be about people or animals that talk. However, they are different from fairytales.

We're a bunch of singing animals. Do you have any requests? No Ed Sheeran.

SCENARIO

A scenario is used in place of some plays. In a scenario a setting and characters are described. Then actions of what should happen are given and the actors have to make up the rest.



Every country and culture has folktales. America has many folktales that come from a wide variety of sources. Some are about giant lumberjacks while others are about talking rabbits.

For today's lesson you have to know one important thing about folktales: they are passed on through oral tradition. That means by word of mouth. There was never a big book of these stories. People just shared them with each other over the years.

Sit back while I tell you the story of Pecos Bill and how he lassoed a tornado!



And just like fairytales, each time these stories are shared changes are inevitably made by the person doing the storytelling.

You may have encountered your own version of folktales in your life. Have you ever heard a story about a fight that happened? The first time you hear of it you heard someone pushed someone and ran away. However, by the time it floats around school and you hear it again it has developed into Drums Elementary Wrestlemania.



I'm going to blow this scuffle out of proportion.





This story will live forever!

Now this isn't a true folktale because it hasn't become part of the culture yet. But these are how some folktales start. If this got passed around long enough, became an even bigger story, and was shared for years to come this may become a folktale.