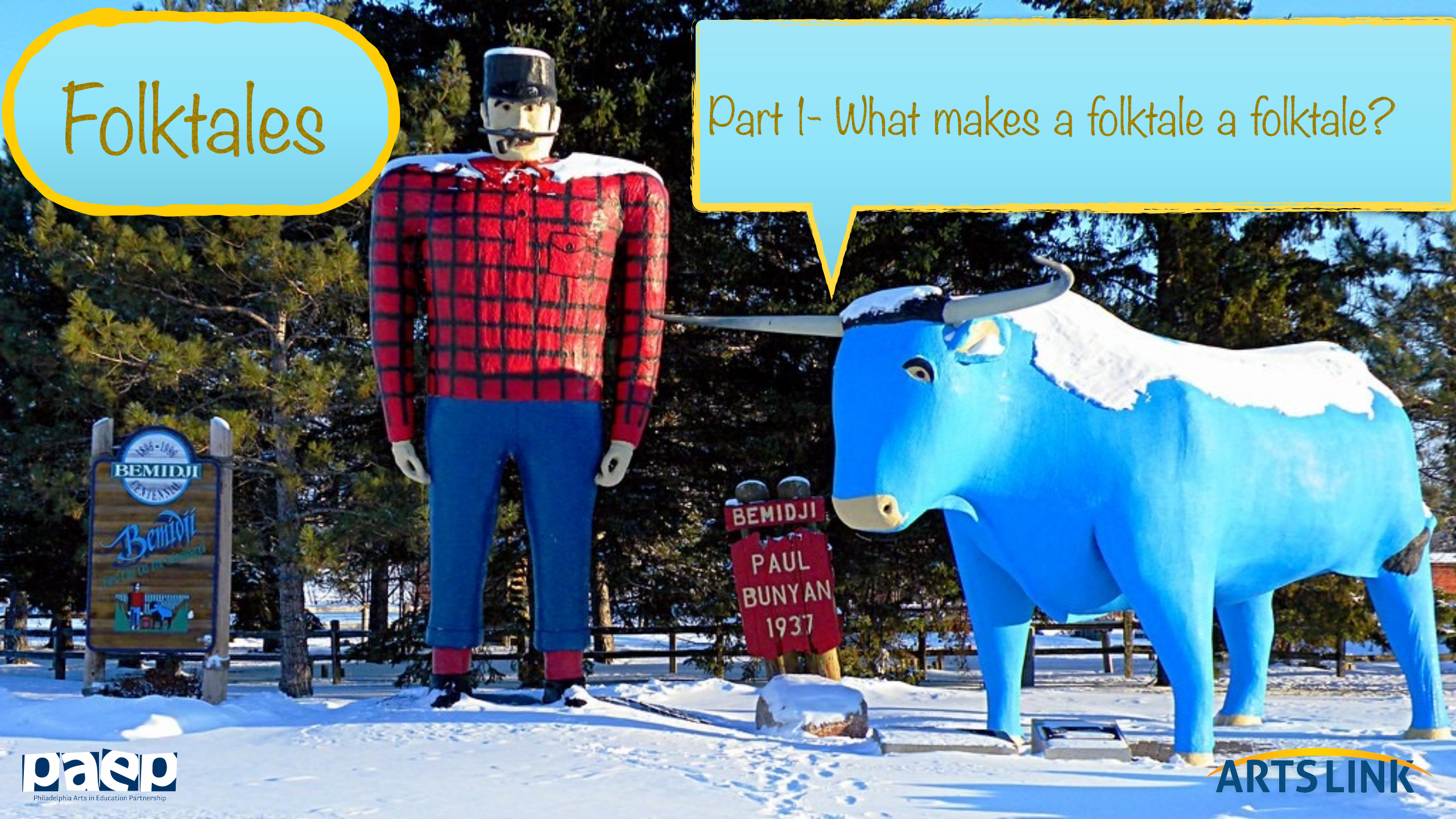




Folktales

Part I- What makes a folktale a folktale?





We are embarking on a new project! Now, of course, we won't see each other for several weeks after today but we can still plant the seeds of our next project. It's all about folktales!

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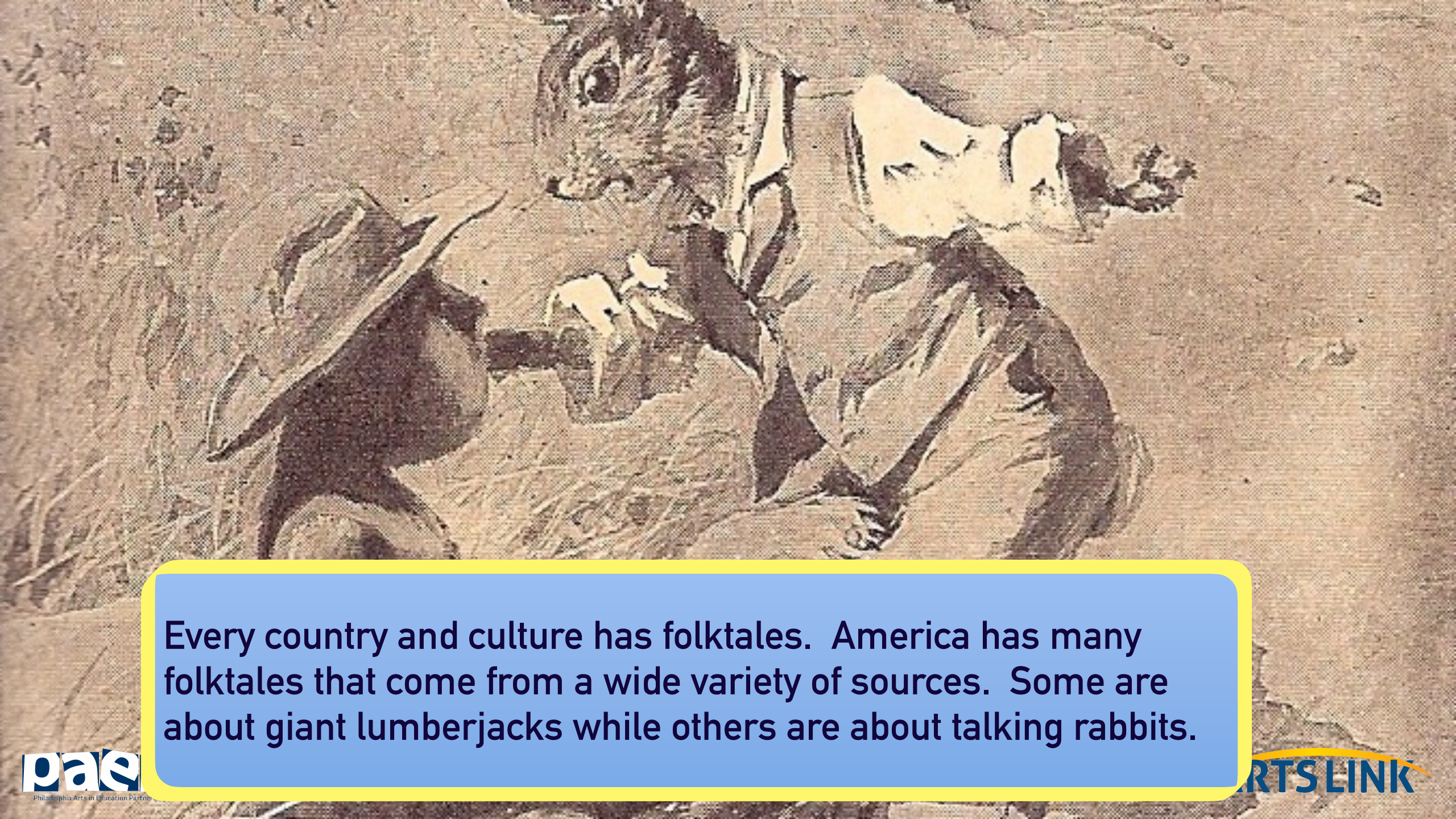


FOLKTALE

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.

Today you are getting a sneak peak into the future! That's right. We will be talking about folktales which is not something you will be learning about until ...2022!!!



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.

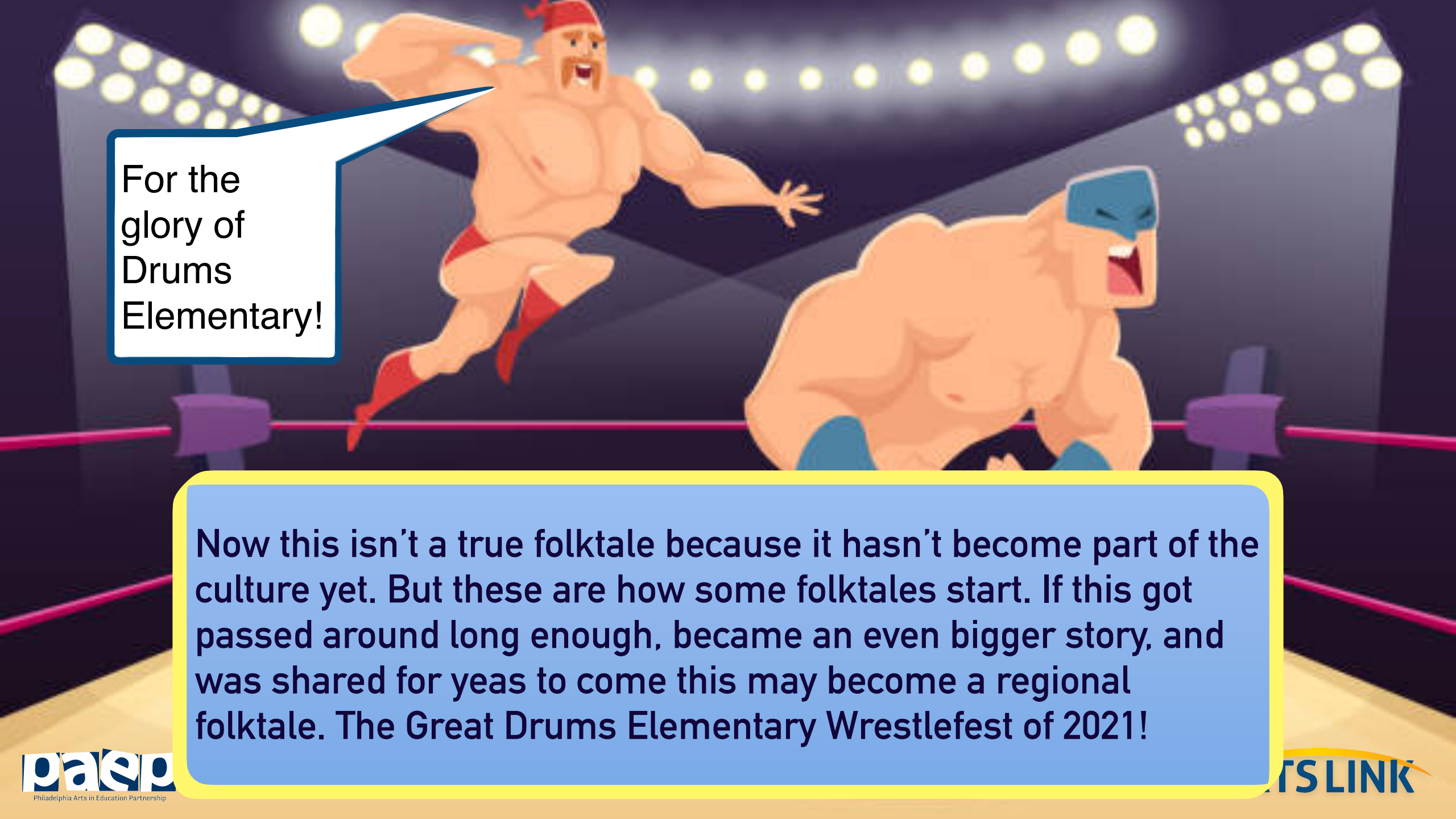
Sit back while I tell you the story of Pecos Bill and how he lassoed a tornado!



And just like the fairytales you learned about a few weeks ago, 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.



For the
glory of
Drums
Elementary!

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 regional folktale. The Great Drums Elementary Wrestlefest of 2021!

INSTRUCTIONS





- Today we are going to play Folktale Telephone. A few of you will come up to the front of the class.

- I'm going to share with you details of an actual folktale. It's going to be a lot of information

- The first person then has to tell the next person what I told them. There will probably be additions and omissions. That's ok!

- By the end each tale will sound slightly different. I'll then ask the class what differences they heard.