Resource List: 3rd Grade

ELACC3RL2: Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

African and African-American Folktales

Three captivating tales provide insight into African and African-American culture. The trilogy contains an explanatory tale, a whimsical and humorous West African story, and a selection from the "Brer Rabbit" tales. Narrated by renowned storyteller Donna Washington, the video includes commentary about each tale's historical, social, and literary significance.


All about Folktales: Folktales from Afar

Folktales are viewed as a way of sharing the customs, values, and feelings of people from cultures different from our own. Especially selected to serve as a "magic window" to the people who first created them are The Tale Of The Gentle People (South America), Anansi the Spider (Africa), and The Crane Maiden (Japan).


Fables: Exaggerated Animal Stories With Morals About People

The Ancient Greek storyteller Aesop was a slave who told stories with morals called fables. Fables use animals to make a point about people. The stories The Gnat and the Bull and The Blue Jackal are told and illustrated. Other fables and popular characters are mentioned, and viewers are challenged to find the moral to brief fables.

**Fables and Folktales**

For centuries, the characters in fables and folktales have inspired people around the world. Examine their creative influence on everything from classic literature to today’s cinema.


**Fables and Trickster Tales Around the World**

In this unit, students will become familiar with fables and trickster tales from different cultural traditions and will see how stories change when transferred orally between generations and cultures. They will learn how both fables and trickster tales use various animals in different ways to portray human strengths and weaknesses in order to pass down wisdom from one generation to the next.


**Galileo**

*Kids Search*: Students can search in Language Arts, Folktales, Fables, Legends & Myths

*Britannica Elementary*: Students can search for myths, fables, and folktales


**Literature for Children: Myths**

The myths of King Midas, Pandora’s Box, and Ulysses are depicted using the artwork of ancient Greece and modern children.


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