

Writing

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WALT identify features of a traditional tales

Success criteria:

I can list traditional tales that I know

I know the difference between a fairy tale and a folk tale

I can list features of a traditional tale

Traditional tales consist of fairytales and folktales

Task 1

Write a list of as many traditional tales as you can

Task 2

Traditional tales consist of fairytales and folktales, they have many similarities but also some important differences. Read the following and decide which stories from your list are fairytales and which are folk tales.

A traditional tale is a story that has been told and re-told for many years (oral storytelling), passed down for many generations and is well-known within a particular culture. It therefore becomes a story that almost everyone knows. Stories such as Cinderella, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Jack and the Beanstalk are all traditional stories.

Traditional tales are intended to entertain, although there are often life lessons which can be taken from them. to be learned from them too.

A fairy tale is a story, often intended for children, that features fanciful and wondrous characters such as witches, elves, goblins, wizards, and even, fairies. The term “fairy” tale seems to refer more to the fantastic and magical setting or magical influences within a story, rather than the presence of the character of a fairy within that story. If a story takes place in a magical land, with fantastical creatures who perform wondrous tasks, it is very likely a fairy tale.

Features of a Fairy Tale:

- They are stories from the past
- Passed down orally from generation to generation
- No known original author but have been rewritten by many people
- Characters include mythical and otherworldly creatures
- They have a villain and a heroine in them (good versus bad)
- May have a magic/magical powers in them
- Often set in a castle or similar amazing place
- Start with ‘Once upon a time...’ and end with ‘...happily ever after’
- They have a moral, a teachable moment that gives the readers a lesson

Folk tales are old, traditional stories which have been passed down by being told many times. Folk tales usually try to teach the reader a lesson. They take place in very normal, countryside settings and may have talking animals as the main characters.

Features of a FolkTale:

- They are stories from the past
- Passed down orally from generation to generation
- No known original author but have been rewritten by many people
- Characters are generally animals acting with human characteristics and can talk
- They are based in real life rather than magical scenarios
- They have a moral, a teachable moment that gives the readers a lesson

Now you read the information, look at your list, and the list below, and decide which stories are fairy tales and which are folktales.

The old woman and the vinegar bottle

Hansel and Gretel

Jack and the beanstalk

Snow white

Little Red Riding Hood

The gingerbread man

Sleeping beauty

Rapunzel

The three little pigs

Cinderella

Beauty and the beast

Peter Pan

The princess and the pea

The princess and the frog

Goldielocks and the three bears

Task 3

We're going to look at a few traditional tales in more detail now.

We will consider the basics of character, setting, problem and solution.

Copy the table (or just the headings) and complete it for 3 traditional tales of your choice.

e.g. Name: Sleeping Beauty

Who: Princess Rosamond/Aurora

Where: The royal castle

What goes wrong: Curse from a bad fairy, pricks finger and falls into
endless sleep

Who helps: The prince by waking her with a kiss

Traditional Tales				
Name	Who?	Where?	What Goes Wrong?	Who Helps?

Extension

This is a typical setting for a fairytale, what in the picture helps you to know this?

