

SMART™ Lesson

Literary Genres: Folktales and Fables

Introduction

Literature can be classified into different genres based on their content, style, and form. One of the genres of literature is folktales and fables, which are stories that have been passed down orally from generation to generation.

Folktales

Folktales are stories that have been created by the common people of a society and are passed down orally. They are usually set in the past and feature ordinary people who go on extraordinary adventures. Folktales can be classified into different types:

- Animal tales
- Legends
- Fairy tales
- Trickster tales

Fables

Fables are brief stories that feature animals, plants, or inanimate objects that are given human-like qualities. They usually end with a moral or a lesson that the reader can learn from the story. Fables can be traced back to ancient times and have been used to teach moral values to children. Some well-known fables are:

- The Tortoise and the Hare
- The Ant and the Grasshopper
- The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Questions

1. What is the difference between folktales and fables?
2. What are the types of folktales?
3. Which animal tales have you read?
4. What is the lesson behind The Tortoise and the Hare?
5. Have you learned any moral values from fables?