

SMART™ Lesson

Folktales, Myths, and Legends: Analyzing Story Elements

In literature, folktales, myths, and legends are stories passed down from generation to generation. Analyzing their story elements can help readers understand the message being conveyed by the story. In this lesson, we will learn about the various story elements that can be found in these types of stories.

Character

Characters are the people or animals who play a part in the story. They can be the protagonist, who is the hero or main character, or the antagonist, who is the opponent or villain.

Question 1: Who is the protagonist in the story of Cinderella?

Setting

Setting is where and when the story takes place. It includes the time, place, and atmosphere of the story.

Question 2: In the story of The Three Little Pigs, where do the pigs live?

Plot

Plot is the sequence of events that happen in the story. It includes the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.

Question 3: What is the climax in the story of Aladdin?

Theme

Theme is the lesson or message that the story is trying to convey. It can be a moral, a value, or a general truth about life.

Question 4: What is the theme of the story of King Arthur?

Symbolism

Symbolism is the use of objects or actions to represent something else. It can add depth and meaning to the story.

Question 5: In the story of The Tortoise and the Hare, what does the tortoise symbolize?

Conclusion

By analyzing the story elements in folktales, myths, and legends, readers can gain a deeper understanding of the stories and the messages that they convey. Respond to each question to reinforce your understanding of these story elements.

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