

3rd grade STA Reading: April 20-24, 2020

Hello 3rd graders! Thank you for sending your completed work to me! You are awesome!

Can you remember the common characteristics of **folktales**? How about the common characteristics of **fables** and **fairy tales**? (See bottom of page for answers.)

We will continue studying Folklore by learning about **tall tales**. Tall tales are told to *inspire people* to be better and also to explain, in a humorous way, *how familiar landmarks might have been created*. Characters in tall tales exhibit great *strength, skill and wit*. Finally, tall tales contain *extreme exaggeration*.

While you read the tall tale of Paul Bunyan, identify the many exaggerations in it.

https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/558345/paul_bunyan.pdf

I will summarize the tale of Paul Bunyan by explaining the beginning/middle/end of the story.

Beginning: Paul Bunyan was born as a large and strong baby.

Middle: Paul Bunyan invented logging and he cleared large tracks of land to supply lumber for the pioneers.

End: Because Paul Bunyan hired many lumberjacks to work with him, he needed to dig five watering holes which we know as the Great Lakes.

Strength/skill: He cut ten pine trees with a single swing of the ax.

He straightened rivers by shaking them and he dug the Great Lakes.

Homework: Read the following tall tales. Identify 3 exaggerations, summarize the beginning/middle/end of each tale, and state the character's great strength or skill. Use the worksheet below or lined paper. Email me your completed work on or before *Fri. April 24.*

John Henry <https://www.uexpress.com/tell-me-a-story/2013/6/30/john-henry-and-the-20-pound>

Pecos Bill <http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3756905&scrlybrkr>

Folktales: told and retold over many generations, entertaining but also teach lessons.

Fables: short, teach a moral, characters are often animals that can speak and use reason.

Fairy Tales: good/evil characters, magic, fantasy (make believe)

John Henry

Name: _____
(email to mmyler@gtacs.org by 4/24/20)

3 exaggerations

- _____
- _____
- _____

Beginning: _____

Middle: _____

End: _____

Character's great strength or skill: _____

Pecos Bill

3 exaggerations

- _____
- _____
- _____

Beginning: _____

Middle: _____

End: _____

Character's great strength or skill: _____
