

## Literary Genre: FOLKLORE

\*generally accepted as untrue\*

\*passed down through generations\*

\*first told by word of mouth\*

\*found in library nonfiction section-

\*call # - 398, 398.2 area\*

### Fairy Tales

- good vs. evil
- contain magic, fairies, giants, etc.
- magic numbers 3, 7
- royalty: kings, queens, princes, princesses
- Brothers Grimm, Hans Christian Anderson
- Examples--*The Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, The Emperor's New Clothes, The Ugly Duckling*

### Fables

- talking animals
- moral
- *short* stories
- Aesop
- Examples--*Fox and the Grapes, Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, Tortoise and the Hare, Lion and the Mouse*

### Tall Tales

- exaggeration
- real or unreal characters with superhuman characteristics
- Examples--*Paul Bunyan, Molly Pitcher, John Henry, Davy Crockett, Johnny Appleseed, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind(Davy Crockett's wife)*

### Legends

- often connected with real events
- nonverifiable
- some believed to be true, controversial
- Examples--*Robin Hood, Sasquatch, Betsy Ross, King Arthur and Knights of the Round Table, Bermuda Triangle*

### Folktales

- elements of fairy tales
- originated from particular country or region
- often include values/characteristics of a particular country or region
- Examples--*Baba Yaga:A Russian Folktale, The Three Riddles:A Jewish Folktale, The Talking Eggs:A Folktale from the American South, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, An African Tale, The Princess and the Beggar:A Korean Folktale, The Luminous Pearl:A Chinese Folktale*

### Myths

- gods, goddesses
- explain relationship between humans and gods
- explain how things came to be, natural phenomenon in non-scientific terms
- Examples--Greek characters:*Hercules, Pandora, Persephone, Zeus, Hades, Medusa*
- Roman characters:*Jupiter, Pluto, Neptune, Cupid, Minerva*