



Write a Tall Tale

Activity: Write a Tall Tale

Category: Writing Assignment

Series: Amazing America (12 Most Amazing American Myths & Legends)

Supplies

Paper; pencils

Prep

Read *The 12 Most Amazing American Myths & Legends*, or assign your class or group to read it on their own.

Directions

A tall tale is a story where unbelievable events are told as if they are true. Read a few tall tales to the students (such as Pecos Bill or Paul Bunyan), and ask them what unbelievable events made each story a tall tale. Then have the students create a tall tale of their own. In their tall tale, they are explaining to a teacher why they were late to school, starting with when they woke up this morning, and then adding unbelievable or exaggerated events to create a tall tale.

Evaluation

Was the student able to take what they learned from the book about tall tales and understand how elements of a tall tale were at work in the stories read? Was the student able to apply those ideas in their own story? RI 4.1

Purpose

To help students apply what they learn by reading about tall tales and using that information to create their own.