

COMPARE-CONTRAST

FEATURES:	ITEM A: <i>Fable</i>	ITEM B: <i>Fairy Tale</i>	ITEM C: <i>Tall Tale</i>	ITEM D: <i>Legend</i>	ITEM E: <i>Myth</i>
Explanation	A fable is a very brief story that teaches a moral or life lesson.	This imaginative writing takes place in a make-believe world.	Tall tales are fanciful or greatly exaggerated stories.	Legends are supposedly true stories that are handed down through generations usually by word of mouth.	A myth is a story that usually involves gods and other super-human beings.
Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking animals who are smart, foolish, sly, or clever. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairies • Goblins, elves, trolls, • Giants • Princes & princesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human characters with heroic actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supposedly real people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek Gods • Greek Goddesses
Facets of the plot/story	One character often makes a bad decision and/or plays tricks on other characters.	Usually starts with "Once upon a time" and usually has a happy ending.	Focuses on the achievements of the ultimate hero.	Supposedly true story intended to scare, teach, inform, inspire, or entertain the reader.	Stories often focus on a good v. evil theme.
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Lion and the Mouse</i> • <i>The Tortoise and the Hare</i> • <i>The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cinderella</i> • <i>Snow White</i> • <i>Rapunzel</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Paul Bunyan</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Legend of Robin Hood</i> • "The Carpet Fitter" • "American Pepper" 	Stories about Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Athena, Apollo, Aphrodite, Hercules, etc.