

"word of mouth"

information you get by someone telling you, e.g. "the news spread by ...",
comunicado verbalmente, □
□相传

Another purpose of folklore is...

Purpose 2. To teach good moral lessons such as courage, kindness, honesty, etc

Fables . . .

-are short stories that contain a "moral," (道德) a practical lesson to teach right from wrong

Fables..

- have characters that usually represent (代表/representar/представлять) a single human characteristic, such as a fox representing intelligence (智力/интеллект.)

Fables...

-have animal who usually speak and have human characteristics (特点/características/характеристика)

Fairy Tales...

often begin with "Once Upon A Time" or "Long, long ago....";

Fairy Tales...

include characters that are not complex. The protagonist (主角) is very good and the antagonist (对手) is very bad(evil)

Fairy Tales...

have a problem to be solved and the good people live happily ever after in the conclusion.

Fairy Tales...

can have magic and talking animals. The setting is often a castle or a forest.

Folk Tales

- stories told by and about ordinary people that communicate the shared ideas of a culture

Folklore

traditions, customs, and stories passed along by "word of mouth" in a culture.

Myths ...

-are the oldest known stories and have characters who may be humans or gods and goddesses.

Myths...

-may explain how something in nature (自然, 世界/ mundo natural/ природный мир) started, looks or happens.

Myths...

-also are used to explain why people act in a kind of way.

Tall Tales

a humorous(滑稽 / divertido), exaggerated (夸张的 / exagerado) American folk tale, about a real person. The exaggerations (夸张) continue until the character can do impossible things

The fourth purpose of folklore is...

Purpose 4. To explain how and why things are, before we had science.

The third purpose of folklore is...

Purpose 3. To warn against negative qualities such as greed, foolishness, laziness, etc.

There are four main purposes of folklore:

Purpose 1. To keep the past alive by introducing young people to the history, beliefs, and religion of their society.

We'll study 4 types of folk tales:

1. Fables
2. Fairy Tales
3. Tall Tales
4. Myths

What is FOLK + LORE?

"FOLK" means "ordinary people."
(老百姓/ gente de la calle/ простые люди)

"LORE" means "knowledge."
(知识/ conocimiento, знания)

Why was folklore shared
by word of mouth for so
many years?

Many cultures did not have
written language, or the
"folks" of the society were
illiterate, so the stories were
shared verbally.
