



FOLKTALES, MYTHS, LEGENDS

Skill: Compare and contrast information.

1. Compare folktales from two or more cultures. How are they alike?
 - ⊘ Do they convey the same values?
 - ⊘ What is considered good in each culture? Beauty? Strength? Stealing without being caught (*Arabian tales*)? Obedience? Wealth? Kindness?
 - ⊘ How are problems solved? Magic? Intelligence? Luck?
2. Compare any folktales to Bible stories or Jewish folktales.
Notice the value given to wisdom from God.
 - ⊘ Which values are the same?
 - ⊘ Which are different?
3. How do the ideas in the myth compare to the Bible's explanation of creation?

Skill: Infer personality traits of characters, locating evidence within the selection for support.

4. Are there witches, dragons, or giants in the story?
 - ⊘ Are they considered good or evil?
 - ⊘ What is their source of power?
 - ⊘ What attitude do the people have toward these creatures?
(E.g., the Chinese think of dragons as good, but dragons in popular fairy tales are considered evil.)
 - ⊘ Are they feared? Worshipped? How—gladly or in fear?