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|  | Myth- Classical story created to explain mysteries of the universe.   * Often explains how something connected with humans or nature came to be. * Usually features gods, goddesses, and other beings with supernatural powers as well as human flaws. * Example: “How Day and Night Came,” pg. 677.   Legend- Traditional story believed to be based on real people and events.   * Tells about a hero or heroine with special powers and admirable qualities. * Describes the hero’s or heroine’s struggle against a powerful force.   Tall Tale- Humorous story about events and characters that are exaggerated.   * Often features a character who is “larger than life”- stronger, louder, or more extraordinary than a regular person. * Uses hyperboles- figures of speech that use exaggeration for effect: “My dog weighs a ton.” * Example: “Sal Fink,” page 677 |
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| What can stories teach us? | Cultural values- ideas and beliefs  Folk Tales- traditional story that teach a lesson. Sometimes they are just amusing stories about foolish characters.   * Folk tales may feature human or animal characters that are set in the distant past. |
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