A folktale is a traditional tale. In Northeast Louisiana, one common form of folktale is “The Big One” about sighting a large buck during deer hunting season or a big fish that got away from the fisherman. Read the tales in the essay “The Big One”: Deer Hunting in Northeast Louisiana on the Delta Pieces site at http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/LFJhunting.html.

**ELEMENTS IN COMMON**

- The hunter/fisherman knows the exact time and place of the sighting.
  - Each animal seems to appear out of nowhere.
- The animal is always the biggest the hunter/fisherman has ever seen.
- The hunter/fisherman is always overwhelmed by the beauty of the animal.
- The hunter/fisherman always gets a good look, but he or she is the only one to see it.
  - Something or someone always stops the hunter/fisherman from getting a good shot.
Write your own folktale about seeing an animal in the woods or a big fish that got away. Make sure you put all the elements in your story.

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