



Unit V Oral Traditions: Swapping Stories
Lessons 1, 3, & 4

Oral Narratives Checklist

Name: _____ Date: _____

There are many kinds of oral narratives. After reading or hearing a story, use the checklists below to help you decide which type it is.

<p>Tall Tales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Presented as true accounts<input type="checkbox"/> Usually told in first person<input type="checkbox"/> More and more unusual features are added to the story<input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate the magical aspects of nature<input type="checkbox"/> Popular among all-male groups<input type="checkbox"/> Used to test and initiate newcomers <p>Some tall tales are:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Urban Legends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary themes, situations<input type="checkbox"/> May or may not be true<input type="checkbox"/> Told by males and females of all ages<input type="checkbox"/> Express anxieties about rapidly changing society<input type="checkbox"/> Have plausible beginnings, but grow more and more fantastic<input type="checkbox"/> Often found on the Internet <p>Some urban legends are:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Legends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Local heroes and characters who have made their mark on Louisiana<input type="checkbox"/> Tell about specific local characters, e.g., the Longs, Jean Lafitte<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes in verse or song<input type="checkbox"/> Actual events with fictitious characters<input type="checkbox"/> History and supernatural meets, as in "buried treasure" legends <p>Some legends are:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Trickster Tales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Usually feature a sly animal or human character<input type="checkbox"/> Trickster serves as a hero for the powerless<input type="checkbox"/> Hero is sometimes amoral or immoral<input type="checkbox"/> Hero does not always win <p>Some trickster tales are:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>