

Unit 4, Week 1: Sharing Stories

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IT'S UP TO YOU

A CLEAN MACHINE

So many options every day
to get me up and on my way:
To walk or drive or ride my bike—
It's clear to me which choice I like.

I keep my bike in tip-top shape
And ready for a quick escape
To get me where I want to go,
And show me all there is to know.

My heart grows full; my spirit, too.
I'm proud of what my legs can do
To pedal places, far and near
While keeping our skies clean and clear.

I ride because I love the Earth
And honor all it's truly worth.
My bike and I, together we
Explore our planet, strong and free.

—Hugh Coyle

THE BIG IDEA

How do we decide what's important?

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Weekly Concept Sharing Stories



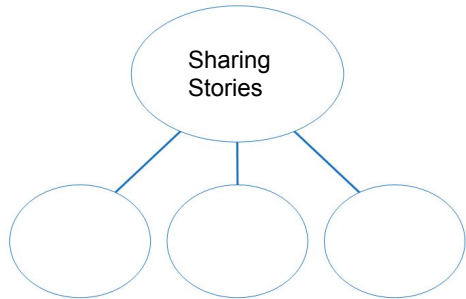
Essential Question

What kinds of stories do we tell?
Why do we tell them?



Go Digital!

Show and Tell



Pieces of the Puzzle

Skills:

- Visualize
- Point of View
- Literature: Tall Tales
- Synonyms and Antonyms

- Commenced
- Deeds
- Exaggeration
- Heroic
- Impress
- Posed
- Sauntered
- Wring

After listening to “The legend of John Henry,” use the summarize strategy to answer this question.

This selection was mostly about...



Students, write your response!

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Commenced

If you commenced doing your homework,
you started doing it.

The horse race commenced on time and
ended only three minutes later!

That is an
antonym for
commenced?



Students choose an option

Deeds

Deeds are acts or actions.

Doing good deeds for others can make us feel useful and happy.

What is one good deed that you could do today?

Discuss this.

Put an X next to each good deed.

_____ help someone carry a box.

_____ tell a secret.

_____ talk when someone else is speaking.

_____ lend someone a pencil.



Students, draw anywhere on this slide!

Exaggeration

An exaggeration is a statement that makes something seem more than it really is.

Dad's description of the giant fish must be an exaggeration since the fish in this lake are not that big.

Which of these statements is an exaggeration?

[Click here to find out the answer!](#)



Students choose an option

Heroic

A heroic act is a very brave or courageous act.

The heroic acts of firefighters help save lives

Name one heroic act that police officers perform.



Students, write your response!

Impress

If you impress someone, you have a strong effect on his or her mind or feelings.

Carolina hoped to impress the class with her amazing science project.

Choose the
synonym for
impress.



Students choose an option

Posed

If you posed for a picture, you held a position so that someone could paint or photograph you.

The family members stood very still as they posed for photographs.

Write a sentence using the word “posed.”



Students, write your response!

Sauntered

If you sauntered, you walked in a slow, relaxed way.

We all enjoyed the sights as we slowly sauntered through the park.

Choose the synonym for sauntered.



Students choose an option

Wring

What is something
that people wring
out?

To wring out a wet rag, you squeeze it or twist it.

After soaking a wash rag, wring it out to remove excess water.



Students, write your response!

1. How did you feel when school **commenced**?
2. Whose **deeds** do you admire?
3. What is an **exaggeration** that someone has told you?
4. Describe a **heroic** act that you have heard about.
5. What are three things that **impress** you?
6. When was the last time you **posed** for a picture?
7. Show how **sauntered** is different than walked.
8. What is something that people **wring** out?

Visualize

Look for descriptive words to visualize a story, or form pictures in your mind of the characters, setting, and events in a fictional work such as a tall tale.

Remember to:

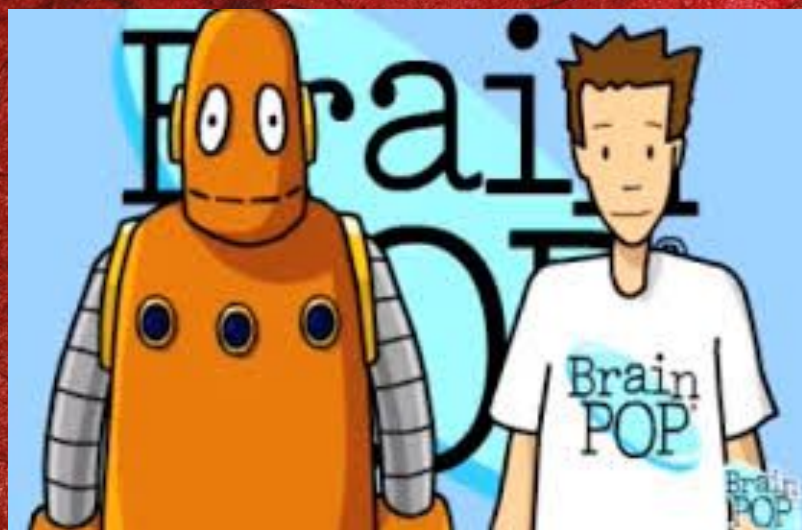
- Pay attention to any **descriptive** words the author uses.
- Think about **what you already know** about the characters, setting, or situation the author is describing.
- Using both the description and your prior knowledge, close your eyes and **try to form a picture** of what the author is describing.
- Remember, the image that you have in your mind may **change** and grow as you continue reading.

Point of View

- **1st person:** The narrator is a character in the story and participates in the events described. A first-person narrator refers to himself or herself using I and me.
- **3rd person:** The narrator is not a character in the story and does not participate in the action. The narrator uses the pronouns he, him, she, her, it, they, and them in reference to the characters.

What's The Point of View?

By Mr. Jake Scott
Featuring Debi Kilde



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Challenge Board

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NAME THE POINT OF VIEW	WHAT'S WHAT	MIXED
100	100	100
200	200	200
300	300	300
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500	500	500

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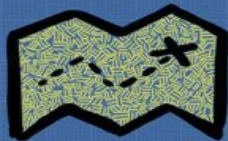
Elements of a Tall Tale

1. Larger-than-life characters, including a hero.
2. Events that could not possibly happen in real life.
3. Contains hyperbole, or exaggeration, to make the story entertaining.





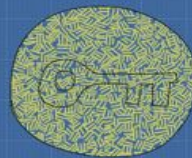
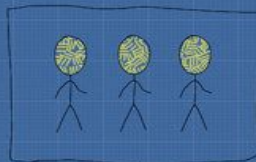
A narrator establishes the tall tale character with a fantastic origin story. Often, the character has historic roots in the real world.



An adventure begins ... the character heads into the world and into the story.



The character confronts challenges and/or antagonists, with humor and ingenuity. Hyperbole is layered thick.



Often, some natural or historical event is "explained" by the character's humorous intervention.



The story can end on a cliffhanger, setting stage for future tales.



The Narrative Arc of a Tall Tale Story

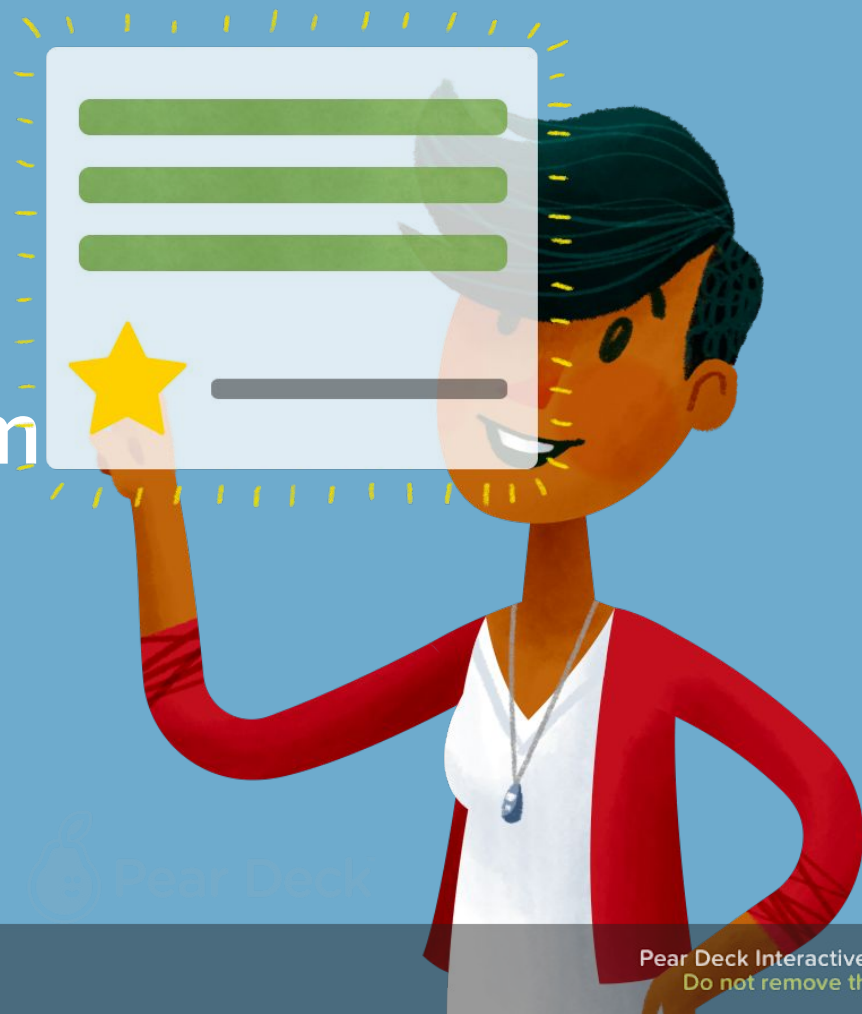
Synonyms and Antonyms

Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meanings, such as enormous and huge.

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings, such as enormous and tiny.



In one minute,
write the most
important thing from
today's
lesson.



Students, write your response!



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Paul Bunyan



John Henry

Tall Tale Videos

Resource Links

- [Scholastic Tall Tales](#)
- [Layers of Learning: Teaching Tall Tales](#)
- [Unit 7: Tall Tales Unit \(54 pages\)](#)
- [Better Lesson: Writing a Tall Tale Unit](#)
- [American Folklore: Tall Tales](#)
- [Synonym and Antonym Jeopardy on Quia](#)
- [Internet4Classrooms: Synonyms and Antonyms games list](#)
- [Point of View: Ereading worksheets](#)
- [Point of View Examples: Soft Schools](#)
- [Spelling City Synonyms 1](#)
- [Spelling City Synonyms 2](#)
- [Ant-o-nyms Game: Mr. Nussbaum](#)

The first 3 are true facts, not exaggerations.

Last year, only 111 million people watched the Super Bowl, so the correct answer is D. Saying that 400 million people watched the Super Bowl last year is an exaggeration.



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