

T A L L T A I L S



My Book Of Tall Tales

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In your book of tall tales collect information and details about the tales that you have read and listened to in this project.

Your pages should

- show that you have understood the stories
- help you remember the important facts and details
- help you remember the new words, so you can retell the stories yourself.

Use any formats you think are useful for these purposes. Be creative and design your pages nicely.



The second part of your book is reserved for your own tall tales. You will be asked to write two tales for homework and one tale in the test. After revising and correcting them carefully, glue in your finished tales and illustrate them nicely.



Make sure your book of tall tales shows your full potential!

Your TTB will be part of your portfolio at the end of the year.

Oral Work:


In this project we are going to practice storytelling. Use the notes/drawings/facts... in your "Book of Tall Tales" and tell your stories to your classmates, your teacher and co-teacher. Go over your notes and plan what you are going to say and how you are going to say it. Then find an audience and tell your story.



For each story that you have shared, ask your audience to sign your "Story Teller's Record" below.

Collect at least three signatures, one must be from a teacher or co-teacher.

Date	Title of story:	I told this story to:
	Pecos Bill and the SUE FOOT SUE	MR. GALUBERMAN
3/3	Red Boyton and the FORTN FORTY NO. 44 WAGON	



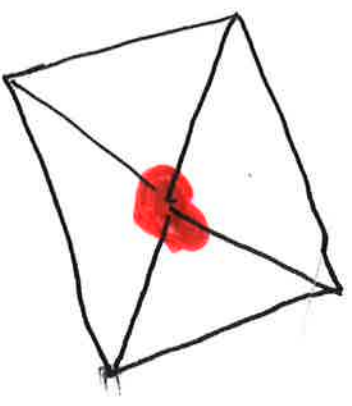
Don't forget that we speak ENGLISH ONLY in this class!!!

Dear lovely Sue!



Have I ever told you how much I love you? I know... A thousand times. But I just can't stop saying it again and again. I immediately fell in love with you, when I saw you the first time. Can you remember? You were riding your catfish down the Rio Grande. You looked so beautiful and so professional, when I did your acrobatic tricks! On the next day we wanted to get married. It was such a beautiful day. The sun was shining in many people came to see you and me. You looked amazing in your white dress with the big hoops! Right after we wanted to get married, you had the idea to ride Widowmaker. Oh... I shouldn't have let you ride him... But I wanted to prove my love! If I had not let you ride Widowmaker he wouldn't have bucked and thrown you up to the moon. You wouldn't have bounced up and down and up and down for three days! And believe me! I just shoot you was the hardest decision I've ever made! But I just wanted the best for you! After a long time I got married again, and again. But I never felt the same for anybody else like for you!

In Love Pecos Bill



Dear Diary,



Today was a horrible day for me. My beloved brother had to go away. His real brother found him and took little Pecos Bill with him. Oh... I can remember clearly when I met him the first time. It was a really hot day. My mother came home with a little human baby. She decided to adopt the poor little thing. Mama coyote told us that she had found him in a river where he had fallen out of a wagon. And he wasn't He had fallen on the first day he was like her own son. Not even on the first day. From the first minute on he knew how to do things and he was so talented. He could hunt like a real coyote and he rode like a great cowboy. We had so much fun together! Today his human brother first thought that Pecos Bill was a coyote, but then he recognized him and took him home. I will miss him, but I think it's the best for Pecos Bill.



Pecos Bill's coyote brother

You won't believe what happened to me yesterday! I'm sure you know Pecos Bill, the great cowboy who can ride anything! Yesterday he decided to ride a tornado. Of course he didn't ride any tornado. He wanted to ride the biggest and strongest tornado - me! So I came to show him that he has no chance. But with his incredible power he just pulled me down. I couldn't do anything. I didn't want him to ride me, so I whipped and almost turned crazy, but I just couldn't get him off. He was amazing! He rode me all the way down to Texas! After he rode me a while, he got bored and jumped off. So I tell you: Pecos Bill can really ride anything! And because of this event, the people of Texas invented a new sport called Rodeo. I am very curious. But I'm sure, Pecos Bill is the best in Rodeo!





Mississippi Mosquitoes



A visitor to Mississippi decided to take a walk along the river in the cool of the evening. His host warned him that the mosquitoes in the area had been acting up lately, tormenting the alligators until they moved down the river. But the visitor just laughed and told his host he wasn't to be put off from his evening walk by a few mosquitoes. As he promenaded beside the flowing Mississippi, he heard the whirling sound of a tornado. Looking up, he saw two mosquitoes as big as elephants descend upon him. They lifted him straight up in the air and carried him out over the river. "Shall we eat him on the bank or in the swamp?" he heard one ask the other. "We'd better eat him on the bank", said the other. "Or else the big mosquitoes in the swamp will take him away from us." Frightened near to death, the man lashed out at the mosquitoes until they lost their grip and dropped him into the river. He was carried two miles downstream before he was fished out by a riverboat pilot. The man left Mississippi the next day, and has never gone for another walk from that day to this.



Paul Bunyan and the Log Jam



Paul Bunyan and the Frozen Flames

One winter Paul Bunyan decided to go to a lumberjacks camp where everything was lighted up with fire in a lamp.

The temperature was minus 16 degrees, so the fire in the lantern had to freeze.



But the frozen fire was so bright, that the lumberjacks couldn't get any sleep in the night.

And not even Paul Bunyan could blow them out, because the ice around the fire was so stout.



The lumberjacks brought the lanterns into the wood very deep that they would get enough of their sleep.

Then in the spring with the first sun raises the ice melted and the fire blazes.



So Paul Bunyan had to step it out with his boot.



Interviewer: Tell us what happened on this day in spring.

Logger: I and the other loggers on the Wisconsin River discovered a huge log jam. We couldn't go ahead.

Interviewer: What was this Log Jam like? How big was it?

Logger: It was the biggest I've ever seen! And I've seen many Log Jams in my life! But this was not a normal Log Jam! The logs were piled up about two hundred feet and the jam went upriver for more than a mile!

Interviewer: What did you do then?

Logger: First we chopped and hauled at the jam. But it didn't move a bit. So we called Paul Bunyan to help us.

Interviewer: What did Paul Bunyan do?

Logger: He put his blue ox Babe in front of the log jam and began to shoot on him with his gun. Babe thought he was being bothered by any insect, so he began to swing his tail back and forth.

Interviewer: And that did stir the thing up?

Logger: Right! First the water began to flow upstream, taking the logs with it. But then Paul pulled Babe out of the water and the water began to float normal downstream again.

Interviewer: Thank you very much!

