

My Book of Tall Tales

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.



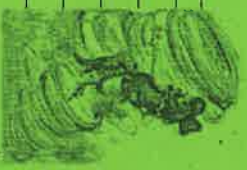
Oral Work:

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:
?	Red Bill Crows	MORITZ ANJA



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



Dear Sophia,

This is another piece of fantastic work.

You've used excellent language here - and I love your creative ideas 😊

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@ Pecos Bill Rides a Tornado

Everybody on earth knew Pecos Bill. Pecos Bill was the roughest, toughest cowboy, you could find in the West. He could ride anything. No horse, no brance, nothing could throw him. But he got thrown once in his entire life.

It was this one time when he decided to ride a tornado in Kansas. Still he didn't ride any tornado, no, he waited for the biggest, wildest, goturned tornado that has ever existed. If (the tornado) was so loud that you could still hear it all the way to China.

So Pecos Bill just grabbed that tornado with his case, pushed it to the ground and jumped on its back. This tornado was such a tough one that it wouldn't let Pecos Bill tame it.

That's why the tornado whipped and whirled and generally caused its bad luck all the way down to Texas. It tied all the rivers into knots, flattened all the forests, and made the sky turn black and green.

But Pecos Bill was still riding on the tornado calmly. When the tornado realized that it really wasn't getting this cowboy off, it headed west to California and just rained itself out. This made so much water it washed out the big Grand Canyon.

That tornado was down to practically nothing when Pecos Bill finally fell off. He hit the ground so hard it sank below the sea level.

Now this spot is called Death Valley
The END

@ Anne Ant

Anne Ant was the toughest, bravest, smartest, fastest and strongest woman you could find in the state of Oklahoma. She had spikey hair, which was even more spikey than a hedgehog would ever be.

Anne Ant went to visit Pecos Bill in Texas. She wanted him to know that she was much stronger and better than him.

"No way!" Pecos Bill replied, "I'm the strongest, toughest and best cowboy in whole Texas, and nobody is better than I am."

Angry as she was Anne Ant returned: "Let's make a bet, the one of us, who tames more bulls in one hour is the better cowboy / cowgirl."

Pecos Bill agreed and went away to get his horse. After a while they met again and started their bet. After a while they met again and started their bet. First Pecos Bill couldn't see Anne, Ant's

bet. First Pecos Bill couldn't see Anne, Ant's bet, because she was so fast. Suddenly the first few bulls came in to seight, so Anne Ant slowed down a bit and grabbed a bull at his horns and started spinning him.

It didn't take her a second to knock the bull out. And this was only the first one, after it hundreds of others got to know how well she is at taming by knocking them out. While this was happening, Pecos Bill still was trying to tame the first bull he saw on his way. He was sitting on the back of his horse throwing his lasso.

Widow maker, Pecos Bill's horse wasn't

@Frozen Dawn

One morning, it was so cold that the dawn froze solid. The sun got stuck between two ice blocks, and the earth froze up so much that it couldn't turn.

The first rays of sunlight froze half way over the mountain range. They looked like yellow ice icicles dripping onto the ground.

Now Davy Crockett was heading home after a successful night hunt when the dawn froze solid. Being a smart man, he knew he had to do something quick or the earth was a goner.

He had a freshly killed bear on his back, so he whipped it off, climbed right up on those rays of sunlight and began beating the hot bear carcass against the ice blocks that were squashing the sun. Soon a gush of hot oil flushed out of the bear and melted the ice.

Davy gave the sun a good hard kick to get it turn, and the sun's heat melted the earth and it started spinning again.

So Davy hid his pipe on the sun, shouldered the bear and slid himself down the sun ray before they melted and took a bit of sunlight home in his pocket.



Pecos Bill and Slew-foot Sue

Pecos Bill had many wives, but only one wife, his first one, was his really true love. She was called Slew-foot Sue, and she could ride nearly as good as him.

When Pecos Bill first saw her she was riding on a cat-fish in the Rio Grande. After a short time Pecos Bill realized that he was really in love with her, so they married just one day, after they had first met.

This day Slew-foot Sue was wearing a white dress with big hoops. After they got married she wanted him to prove his love to her, and leather ride on his horse 'widow maker'.

First Pecos Bill didn't want that, but Slew-foot Sue convinced him to let her ride. But widow maker bucked a lot so Slew-foot Sue was thrown off.

She flew so high in the sky, that she could touch the clouds. When she came down again Pecos Bill already thought it's over with his wife, but Slew-foot Sue was luckily still wearing her white wedding dress with the big hoops.

And these hoops helped her survive, because with their help she jumped/bounced up again. But sadly Slew-foot Sue couldn't stop bouncing up and down. Once she jumped so high that she hit the moon with her head.

After 3 days Pecos Bill had mercy on her and shoot her down because otherwise she would have starve.

After a while he married again and again, but he never found his true love again. C

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 that 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 by this 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 to mosquitoes as big as elephants descend upon him.

"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."

They lifted him straight up in the air and carried him out over the river.

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 down stream before he was fished out by a river boat pilot.

The man left Mississippi the next day, and has never gone for another walk from that day on.

The End

as a cheetah, it took in only one minute to come from Texas (all the way) to Kansas. While Pecos Bill was coming the corn stalk grew so high you could only imagine the end of it.

Pecos Bill was clever enough to figure their problem out himself, many people had tried to help Jack and were now nearly as high as him. But all of this was no problem for the famous Pecos Bill, he just screamed aloud as he could: "Hold on to the plant, and I'll bring you down!" The swang his legs and caught the corn stalk on top of it and started to pull it to the ground (down).

This really wasn't hard for him.

When the tip of the corn stalk came in sight every body was clapping.

When the corn stalk, which was now nearly as long as a very long railway, touched the ground, all the people who were caught in it jumped off and you could only see smiling faces. Especially Jack and his father were happy, not only because Jack is on the ground again, but also, because the cornfield had grown enough for a good and very rich harvest, which will bring enough food for more than a year.

So one again Pecos Bill had saved a lot of lives.

The End

Jack and the Corn Stalk

Once, a Kansas farmer sent his son Jack to check on the growth of the corn field. Now Jack was not a tall lad, so he decided to take a ladder with him. When he found a nice big stalk of corn, he leaned the ladder against it and climbed up until he could reach the first joint. From there he proceeded to the top of the corn stalk, and looked out over the field. There was enough corn there for a rich harvest.

Excited by his discovery Jack started climbing back down the corn stalk. He realized suddenly that it had kept growing, while he was at the top. He stepped from joint to joint, but it grew fast. He never reached the ground. Jack shivered, the ground was so far away now, that he couldn't see it properly anymore. He was still climbing down as fast as he could, but as soon as he stopped, he was already as high as a huge skyscraper.



It took his father hours to realize that his son hadn't returned yet, because of that he started searching him.

When he finally heard his son's yellings from above, he immediately called Pecos Bill, who was a good friend of him.

He also was the roughest, toughest, and strongest cowboy you could find in the west. Because Pecos Bill was as fast

Pecos Bill's Birth...

Already as a child Pecos Bill was special, he was very talented and learned really fast. With only one month he could already speak professionally and every body wondered how he learned it so fast.

When he was able to sit, he could already ride a horse perfectly.

But one day his parents lost him, while washing their cloths in the river. Pecos Bill had many brothers and sisters so they didn't see that he is gone.

He was already sinking, in the river but luckily he partly learned himself to swim, and swam to the land.

The coyotes who live nearby found him and helped him survive.

So Pecos Bill grew up with coyotes, and thought that he also was a coyote.

But he changed his mind when he met his brother, at the age of sixteen.

First he want believe that he is a big man but then he did.

And he went with his older brother, who then showed him how to tame cows.

Eventually Pecos Bill could tame the wildst brancos too.

But he had one wish, a lasso. The ones who watched Pecos Bill taming cows said, that he could be the best cowboy in the west once, if he carries on like this.

© Mull DeGrau

Mull deGrau was a wicked witch, who once lived on Gully Road what is now Newark, New Jersey. She took delight in the misery of others, and made things miserable for the Folks living near her. If a neighbor slighted her, she would sour their milk. If anyone called her a witch, she made their dogs turn vicious. People were very cautious around Mull DeGrau.

When a new family moved in, their grown-up son took offense with the witch's rude behavior toward his mother and told her off. That night, an evil black dog, slipped into the room of the young man, who had been so impolite to the dog's owner, who was the greatest witch of all. The young man called Christopher Danger probably was the cleverest, strongest, and fastest man you could find in the world. He was even faster than a cheetah at full speed.

As the dog was in Christopher's room and wanted to kill him. The black dog was about to bite in his neck and kill him, when Christopher Danger woke up. Well, he wasn't really awake yet, cause he thought the evil dog was his favorite cuddly toy, which was a dog, so he gave the animal a great hug and fell asleep again.

For the dog it was the first time in his short life that he felt really loved. This moment he realized that, he decided to help Christopher to beat the woman, who was so cruel to both of them.

The next day Christopher and the black dog, called "the black one" got to know each other, and after a while they made friends. Nobody knows how, but Christopher was able to communicate with the dog. Luckily "the black one" knew a lot about the witch, for example that she is afraid of

water, because if a witch ever touches water, she would disappear forever.

Their plan was to make it rain, but in this part of the world it only rained once a year, exactly when the summer ends.

But this was no problem for the smart Christopher Danger, he just farmed little clouds out of wet

lather wool. After that, he and the dog blew so hard at them, they flew up to the sky.

Now the clouds were as dark as the sky at night-time and the raindrops, which immediately started

to fall out the rain clouds, were as big as elephants. Christopher caught the clouds with his lasso and

pulled the clouds over the place, where the witch lived and he called out loud: "Come out, you strange person, or are you too scared of me?"

Christopher didn't have to wait for long, because the witch was angry now.

As soon as she came out a raindrop hit her and with a loud bang she burst into thousands of

bits and pieces, which got all eaten by the dog, who was hungry by then.

From that day on no witch was ever seen at the "Gully Road" again.

And everybody, who lived at this road celebrated Christopher as their hero.

