



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO FOLKTALES

CLASS: JSS 1



PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, you should be able to;

1. Identify features of folktales;
2. Explain the themes of folktales;
3. Identify the moral lessons to be learnt from folktales; and
4. Narrate folktales

DEFINITION OF FOLKTALES

Folktales are stories passed down through generations, mainly by telling. Folktales is a form of oral literature that is a form of art by mouth.



A folktale is an old story that is been told again and again, often for generations. Folktales exposes and educate you to about your heritage. Folktales also tell histories of great-great-grandparents.

EXAMPLES OF FOLKTALES

1. Why the tortoise has a rough shell;
2. The beautiful princess and the ugly monkey;
3. The tortoise and the giant beast;
4. The fish and the young boy;
5. Why the hippopotamus lives in water.

FACTS ABOUT FOLKTALES

- Folktales are stories in the oral tradition;
- They are closely related to many story traditions, including fables, myths, and fairy tales;
- Every human society has its own folktales
- Folktales are handed down by generations and are important ways of passing along knowledge, information, morals and history;

- Folktales have morals to teach;
- Many folktales explain how things came to be;
- Characters in Folktales are usually animals or people;
- Author is unknown;
- Folktales can be magical.

FEATURES OF FOLKTALES

1. Folktales are entertaining

One of the main purpose of folktales is to amuse or interest people. This is why in the villages or rural areas when there is moonlight, grandparent and parent tell their children folktales.

2. Folktales are magical

Folktales can also be magical, that is, they can be enjoyable and exciting in strange ways. Characters in such stories have magical powers that make them to do impossible things.

3. Folktales can be didactic

A didactic story is aimed at teaching morals. Folktales are didactic, it teaches people the right ways in life and the values of their communities as well. Folktales teach us how to love and behave in the society.

THEMES IN FOLKTALES

A theme is the central idea of an art work. The main message the story trying to pass across to the audience or reader.

Themes in folktales involve; tradition, hard work, good vs bad, pride and downfall, outcome of greediness, wealth vs poverty, love, fear, culture, compassion, honesty, fate and so.

LESSON TO LEARN FROM FOLKTALES

1. Folktales help to educate on things we might not have known before;
2. Folktales teach the triumph of good over evil;
3. Folktales also teach children the consequences of good and bad behaviors;

4. It teaches the importance of cooperation;
5. The reward of courage and ingenuity; and
6. It teaches us about our culture and some other people`s

EVALUATION

In relation to the folktale narrated in class today, explain the features of folktales.

Ask your parents to tell you folk tales and write out the morals from the story.



THANKS FOR
WATCHING!!!

