

# NES STORYTELLING STARTER KIT

## BENEFITS OF FOLKTALES AND STORYTELLING FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATORS

### BENEFITS OF FOLKTALES

- Provide lessons that are remembered for a long time.
- Facilitate connections across traditional curricular boundaries.
- Integrate learning from various domains.
- Expand the definition of text.
- Increase student's knowledge of literature.
- Follow a predictable sequence.
- Teach the intrinsic integrity of narrative.
- Are closer to oral literacy than most students experience.
- Contain popular themes as well as timeless themes.
- Are safe places to examine differences as they are non-threatening.
- Are the basis for making connections and comparisons.
- Stimulate the imagination.
- Involve interactive learning.
- Can reflect backgrounds of diverse students in classrooms.
- Are filled with cultural wisdom.

### BENEFITS OF LIVE STORYTELLING

- Teachers can adjust the tales to fit curricular and other needs.
- One text can serve multiple purposes.
- Storytelling provides authentic tasks through which to negotiate meaning, especially in a second language
- Students grow as language learners.
- Promotes development of strong sequencing skills
- Students know the basic structure of folktales so learning requires less memory load, especially when telling a folktale in a second language.
- The narrative form promotes understanding.
- Students improve understanding of consequences
- Storytelling promotes the learning of social skills.
- Students become interested and more knowledgeable about geography.
- Students can learn the role of culture in their lives, become more aware of their own culture, and learn about other cultures.
- Teachers interact with students. Students interact with each other.
- Telling stories enables a teacher to relate with students on a personal level.

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## BENEFITS OF FOLKTALES AND STORYTELLING FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

### BENEFITS OF FOLKTALES

- Provide lessons for all ages in a non-threatening format
- Follow familiar forms, and thus are easily accessible to all ages
- Can help family members understand backgrounds of family history
- Speak to the humanity in all of us.
- Are rich in insights
- Affirm personal strengths
- Are safe places to examine values.
- Demonstrate dilemmas and choices
- Are filled with cultural wisdom.
- Bring the cultures of other areas of the world close.
- Stimulate the imagination.
- .Encourage discussion
- Provide images and insights that are remembered for a long time.

### BENEFITS OF LIVE STORYTELLING

- Storytelling is interactive and more involving than media.
- Encourages the search for meaning and understanding.
- Helps individuals feel understood
- Provides shared family experience and vocabulary.
- Children benefit from knowing their parents' stories and experiences.
- Strengthens connections between generations.
- Offers a safe environment for self-expression.
- Provides support.
- Strengthens networks
- Supports community
- Builds Community values. Can chart a path through difficult times.
- In organizations, stories are more engaging, persuasive and memorable than data.

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