

**Curriculum Unit
Title**

The Evolution of Storytelling

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KEY LEARNING, ENDURING UNDERSTANDING, ETC.

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION(S) for the UNIT

How does a writer establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters and organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally?
 How do I conduct a short research projects that build knowledge about the history of stories?
 How do I develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing?

CONCEPT A

Elements of a Pourquoi tale and a Folktale.

CONCEPT B

Conduct Research

CONCEPT C

Revising and Editing

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS A

What are the elements of a Pourquoi Tale?
 What are the elements of a Folktale?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS B

What is the evolution of storytelling?
 How were Cave Paintings used to tell stories in primitive times?
 How was oral storytelling used to pass down stories through the ages?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS C

How can I use my prewriting to produce a final draft?
 What tools can be used to edit and revise my written work?

VOCABULARY A

Pourquoi Tale, Folktale, elements, natural phenomenon, personification

VOCABULARY B

Sources, Cave paintings, hieroglyphics, oral storytelling, evolution

Vocabulary B

Revise, edit, conventions, organization, development

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/MATERIAL/TEXT/FILM/RESOURCES

1. What is the Oldest Painting? <http://wonderopolis.org/wonder/what-is-the-oldest-painting>
2. Early Humans for Kids – Cave Paintings and Rock Art <http://earlyhumans.mrdonn.org/caveart.html>
3. Virtual Tour of Lascaux Cave Paintings <https://vimeo.com/40849516>
4. Native American Indian Children’s Stories Storyteller Tales Legends Myths Flute Music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIHtzU133NI>
5. Hamilton, Martha, Mitch Weiss, and Carol Lyon. *How & why stories: world tales kids can read & tell*. Little Rock, AR: August House Pub., 1999.
6. "History Of Storytelling – How Did Storytelling Begin?" History Of Storytelling – How Did Storytelling Begin? Accessed January 07, 2017. <http://www.storytellingday.net/history-of-storytelling-how-did-storytelling.html>.