

Writing Rubric

Students' Names: _____

Title of Tall Tale: _____

Date: _____

After writing an original tall tale with a partner, students will provide evidence from their story that corresponds with the elements of a tall tale. The teacher can then provide notes and comments about the students' writing.

Tall Tale Elements	Evidence	Comments
The story has many exaggerations.		
The main character has a problem to solve.		
The main character shows super-human strength throughout the story.		
The plot of the story is funny and impossible, with lots of action.		
In the end, the main character solves a problem, overcomes an obstacle, or defeats a "bad guy."		

This rubric is based on the "Tall Tales Checklist," provided with the ArtsEdge lesson, "Tall Tales Today" (<http://artsedge.org/content/2267/>). Feel free to adapt or revise this rubric based on your students' needs.