



HISTORY OF STORYTELLING

Grades: 3 to 5

Overview

Stories have been retold in many different versions over time. This lesson will introduce the history of storytelling and give students a chance to write their own retelling of the classic tale of The Tortoise and the Hare.

Learning Objectives

Students will learn how stories are retold and change over time. Students will use their own ideas to create their own unique version.

Materials

- iPads
- Projector or Smartboard
- Waller's Wild West app available from the iTunes Store
- Comparison Worksheets: Separate the page into two with a vertical line. On one side put Tortoise and the Hare and on the other write Waller's Wild West.

Suggested Steps

- Introduce the concept of storytelling from oral to written, and retellings of the same stories over time.
- Summarize or read the tale of the Tortoise and the Hare aloud.
- Read Waller's Wild West to the class.
- Put the students into groups of three or four.
- Hand out the worksheets.
- Ask the students to identify the similarities and differences between the traditional version and Waller's Wild West.
- Hand out the class set of iPads.
- Ask students to create their own version of Waller's Wild West by rewriting the text. Ask them to keep the moral of the story

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the same but rewrite the text in their own words.

- Show the students how to tap create in the top left hand corner of the book's cover page and use the pencil icons to edit the text.

Evaluation

Did the students correctly identify the similarities and differences between the two stories? Did the students write their own stories using the moral? Did they keep to the storyline? Did the students use proper sentence structure and conventions?

Extension Activities

- Repeat lesson with another app: Boy Who Cried Aliens (retelling of Boy Who Cried Wolf).
- Share the students' stories with their parents via email.
- Ask students to draw their own set of characters for the Tortoise and the Hare.