

**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>.