Traditional Literature

Stories passed down for generations

Term	What it means	Example
Folktale	Ordinary people, often with a **lesson**	*A clever trickster*
Fairy tale	**Magic**, royalty and "once upon a time"	*A wish granted by a fairy*
Fable	Short, with **animals** and a **moral**	*Slow and steady wins the race*
Myth	Explains **nature** or the world, with gods	*Why the seasons change*
Legend	A **hero** who may have been real	*A brave archer of the forest*
Tall tale	**Exaggerated**, larger-than-life hero	*A giant lumberjack*