

Writing Folktales

folktale: a story, often with mythical or legendary elements, made and handed down among the common people

motif: a main element, idea, or feature to be elaborated on or developed

traditional: handed down, customary to a people

climax: the final element or event in a series; in literature, it is the turning point of the story

hyperbole: an exaggeration not meant to be taken literally. Example: This story is as old as time