***Traditional Fantasy Literature Unit***

*Definition: stories written or spoken, that have been handed down through the years. These tales often served as entertainment and as an oral record of history and customs of a people.*

Fiction Texts

Realism Fantasy

Realistic Historical  **Traditional** Modern

**Elements of Literature Include (*these questions are not meant to be answered by you on this worksheet)*:**

*Characteristics of the Genre*: What makes it that genre?

*Characters*: Who is in the story?

*Plot*: What is the problem and solution in the story?

*Setting*: Where and when does this story take place?

*Theme*: What is the author’s message or purpose for telling this story?

*Perspective*: From point of view is this story being shared?

*Style and Language*: What words are specifically chosen to help the story?

*Figurative Language*: How did the author increase details of the story?

*Imagery*: What images popped into your mind as you read the story?

*Symbolism*: Does the author use anything to represent a common theme?

*Mood/Tone*: How does the story make you feel?

*Illustrations/Art*: How did illustrations help enhance the story? Or was the author able to create a picture in your mind?

*Author/Illustrator*: What is reason this author/illustrator wrote/illustrated this story?

*Design*: Did the layout or organization of the book make a difference?

*Believability*: Did the characters behave in a way you would have expected?

*Quality*: Did all the elements come together in an enjoyable way?

*Traditional Fantasy Literature Unit*

Traditional Stories

**Fable**

* Meant to instruct

Examples: Tortoise and the Hare, Ant and the Grasshopper

**Fairy Tale**

* Folktale, but with magic

Examples: Little Red Riding Hood, Ugly Duckling

**Myth**

* Explain why things happen

Examples: Greek myths, Zeus, Medusa

**Legend**

* Longer story
* Revolve around a hero

Examples: King Arthur, Robin Hood

**Folk Tale**

* Features ordinary people (folk)

Examples: Paul Bunyon, Johnny Appleseed,

Read the following stories, which are linked on the daily agenda, and then determine what type of traditional literature it is. Be sure to explain why.

**Read *Wind and Sun***

Circle the type of traditional fantasy *Wind and Sun* would be characterized as:

Folk tale Legend Myth Fairy Tale Fable

What is your evidence for your selection?

**Read *Atalanta and the Great Race***

Circle the type of traditional fantasy *Atalanta and the Great Race* would be characterized as:

Folk tale Legend Myth Fairy Tale Fable

What is your evidence for your selection?

Read the *Quackling*

Circle the type of traditional fantasy *Quackling* would be characterized as:

Folk tale Legend Myth Fairy Tale Fable

What is your evidence for your selection?