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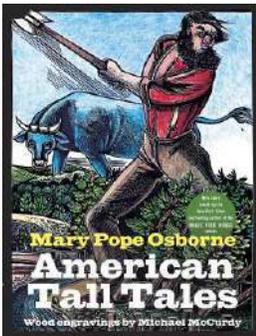
# Tall Tales

## Play It | Will You Buy My Unicorn?

In this variation of the game “Will You Buy My Horse?” one person is the unicorn and the other is the owner. Everyone else sits in a circle and the owner and unicorn are in the center. The owner selects someone to “sell” the unicorn to. They ask, “Will you buy my unicorn? My unicorn is very smart! My unicorn can ...” They must suggest a series of activities that the unicorn must do, such as jumping, eating or galloping. The more ridiculous the action, the better because the object of the game is to make the buyer laugh. If they are having trouble with one “buyer” he can switch to another. Once the “buyer” laughs a new pair is chosen.



## Read It | Tall Tales



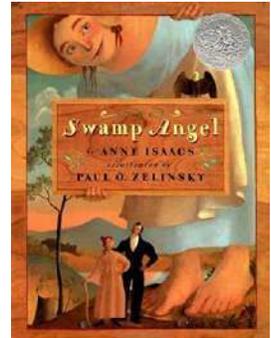
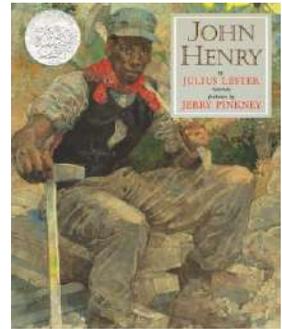
Tall tales are a type of American folklore where the hero or heroine is larger than life, literally! Paul Bunyan was so big he could cut down forests in one chop and Davy Crockett who carried thunder in his fist and lightning in his fingers! Find more Tall Tales in the books below or create your own!

American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne, wood engravings by Michael McCurdy

Cut from the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend, and Tall Tale by Robert D. San Souci, illustrated by Brian Pinkney

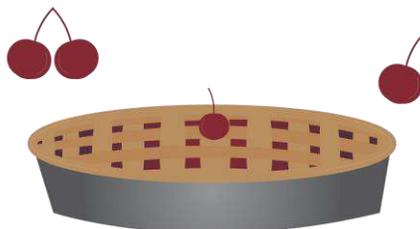
John Henry by Julius Lester, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Swamp Angel by Anne Isaacs, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky



## Write It | Writing Prompt

If you were the hero or heroine of a Tall Tale, what would you do that is larger than life? Would you be the fastest runner, bake the best pie, or grow the biggest vegetables? Would you be super smart? Write about what you would be known for and what that would help you do.



## Make It | Fairy and Gnome Gardening



Families will use materials from the outdoors (twigs, leaves, rocks, etc.), to make their own fairy/gnome garden. Take a hike as a family, or even a stroll through your backyard to find materials for your garden.

### **You will need:**

- Small pots, cups, or glass jars
- Dirt, moss, or pea gravel
- Natural materials, such as small stones, twigs, leaves, seashells, flowers, etc.
- Recycled materials, such as plastic bottle caps, straws, leftover craft items, etc.
- Store-bought supplies, such as small toys

Each family member can fill a container with dirt/sand etc. to build their own garden or they can use a large container for a family made garden.

## Cook It | Bean Soup

In the folktale Jack and the Beanstalk, Jack plants his magic bean. In this recipe instead of planting a bean, we will make a soup with many beans!

### **Ingredients:**

4 or 5 cans of different beans (Red Kidney, Black Beans, Pinto Beans, Garbanzo Beans, Great Northern, or any combination thereof)

1 jar of salsa (any kind)

Spices to taste (suggested: cumin, chili powder, salt)

### **To Make:**

Put a big soup pot on the stovetop on medium heat. Open all the beans (don't drain them) and jar of salsa and dump them all into the soup pot. Stir them all together and add the spices that you want. All you have to do now is wait until it is hot enough to eat, as all the beans are cooked already! Serve with sour cream, hot sauce, cheddar cheese, and cornbread or tortilla chips.

