



MINNESOTA ZOO
Changing how you see the world

Culture: Animal Folklore Pre-visit Activity

Vocabulary:

Trickster

Predator

Prey

Habitat

Adaptation

Introduction:

In this activity students will read different animal folktales from different cultures. Students will then create an animal folk tale of their own.

Objectives:

At the end of this lesson, the students will:

1. Learn about animal folklore from different countries.
2. Research an animal to create their own folktale.

Procedure:

1. Have the students list some animal folktales that they know. Some common examples include “The Tortoise and the Hare” or “The Ant and the Grasshopper”
2. Ask what lessons these stories teach. (“Slow and steady wins the race” and “Hard work pays off”)
3. Print and read the Fables worksheets.
4. Discuss the roles of the animals in each.
5. What is each animal teaching the children?
6. Have the students go to the library or online to research other folktales about animals.