

Genre (Type of literature)	What are its main characteristics & functions?	What basic & universal questions does it answer?	What significance does it have on its culture?
FOLKTALE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiction – Action occurs in no particular time or place 2. Symbolically show how people deal w/world (life’s journey) 3. Show human behavior & attitudes of culture 4. Reveal strengths & weaknesses of humans 5. Focus on plot – present a realistic view of the world 6. CONTRAST is the RULE! 7. Repetition (often highlights contrast) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where did death come from? 2. How can I gain control over my life? 3. How can I succeed without the help of my parents? 4. What must I do to survive? 5. What is likely to be my greatest source of achievement & how can I achieve it? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Folktales give encouragement and hope. 2. Form of entertainment 3. Teach moral lessons 4. Provide national pride & identity 5. Respond to practical & social needs