



THE SKULL

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WRITE YOUR OWN FOLKTALE

A folktale can be defined as an old story that has been passed on and told again and again.

Jon Klassen reimagined a Tyrolean Folktale when he wrote the book, The Skull. He abandoned a more traditional ending for something more interesting to the readers of today. Let your imagination run wild and write your own folktale, too! Below is a checklist of elements of a folktale, make sure to include them in your tale! Make sure you share your tale!

- My writing sounds like an oral story
- My plotline is simple and straightforward
- My characters are simple
- My story a problem and a solution
- My story demonstrates decision making
- My story reinforces consequences
- My story highlights shared value or a moral lesson