

or the Wild West, a territory of anarchy and romance, chaos and violence gradually witnessed the breakthroughs of technology and progress. Tall tales are stories of competition, conflict and survival. People needed to make sense of the world around them and tall tales gave Western men and women the opportunity to build the American frontier, to give birth to landmarks in American history and to structure the creation of a whole nation. Tall tales give students a wider perspective about American culture and history. In the American frontier, no matter how wild, stories of the Old West are stories of a hero's accomplishment and failure. These representations of American folklore embody the triumph and defeat of those that travelled west in search of the American dream. Tall tales are the legends of common men and women that became leaders despite every known obstacle.

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