

## Tall Tale Story Matrix

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Directions:

Some of the general elements of tall tales are listed below. Write the title of the tale you are reading or writing and then write details that correspond to each of the elements listed.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Literary Text Element:		
<b>Character:</b>	<b>Character names</b>	Main Character (Good Guy/Girl):
		Antagonist (Bad Guy/Girl):
		Other Characters (if any):
<b>Character:</b>	<b>Main Character's strengths</b>	Circle one or more (and/or add your own): Physically Strong   Brave or Courageous   Honorable Thoughtful or Caring of Others   Smart, Wise or Intelligent
<b>Setting</b>	<b>Time &amp; Place</b>	
<b>Plot:</b>	<b>Main Problem to Solve</b>	
<b>Plot:</b>	<b>Action(s) or Event(s) that take place</b>	
<b>Plot and/or Character:</b>	<b>Exaggerations</b>	
<b>Plot:</b>	<b>Humor or Funny thing(s) that will happen</b>	
<b>Plot:</b>	<b>How Problem will be solved in the end</b>	

## Example Tall Tale Matrix: Cy Gatton

Name: Jamie Smithson		Date: 2/1/2010
<b>Directions:</b> Some of the general elements of tall tales are listed below. Write the title of the tale you are writing and then write details that correspond to each of the elements listed.		
Title: <b>Cy Gatton</b>		
<i>Literary Text Element:</i>		
<i>Character:</i>	<i>Character names</i>	Main Character (Hero/Heroine): Cy Gatton
		Antagonist (Bad Guy/Girl): Rusty McNabb
		Other Characters (if any): none
<i>Character:</i>	<i>Main Character's strengths</i>	Circle one or more (and/or add your own): <u>Physically Strong</u>   Brave or Courageous   Honorable Thoughtful or Caring of Others   <u>Smart, Wise or Intelligent</u>
<i>Setting:</i>	<i>Time and Place</i>	The story will take place in north central Ohio, around 1880
<i>Plot:</i>	<i>Main Problem to Solve</i>	Cy has to win the Apple Cider Race and Rusty is cheating to make sure Cy can't win.
<i>Plot:</i>	<i>Action that will take place</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cy will have to finish his chores before the race.</li> <li>Rusty will take the wheels off Cy's wagon and chase away his horses.</li> <li>Cy will mix soil with rabbit food</li> <li>The rabbits will grow to giant size very quickly.</li> </ul>
<i>Plot and/or Character:</i>	<i>Exaggerations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cy is so fast and strong that he can do 1000 stable chores, eat breakfast and do 1000 more chores before the race.</li> <li>Rusty McNabb is so tough that he cleanses his teeth with a sharp knife and flosses with barbed wire.</li> <li>Each rabbit is so big it can carry a cider barrel around its neck just like the St. Bernard dogs.</li> <li>The rabbits grow as big as horses from eating Richland County soil and are faster than horses.</li> <li>Cy is so strong that he stacks five [cider barrels] on each hand and rolls the 11th barrel with his feet.</li> </ul>
<i>Plot:</i>	<i>Humor or Funny thing(s) that will happen</i>	Huge rabbits racing against horses – and winning. Huge rabbits with cider barrels under their chins.
<i>Plot:</i>	<i>How Problem will be solved in the end</i>	The rabbits will grow large enough and fast enough to carry the apple cider barrels for Cy and win the race.