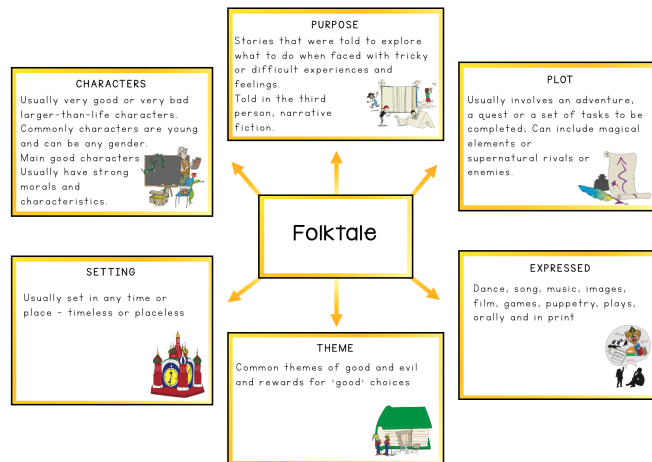


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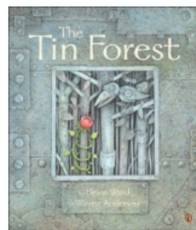
## Key information- Folk Tales

- A folk tale is a story handed down from generation to generation usually by oral retelling.
- Folk tales often explain something that happens in nature or convey a certain truth about life.
- They are told to amuse and amaze the listeners.
- The action takes place in a far-off time and place: "Once upon a time, in a faraway kingdom..."



Class Text

### The Tin Forest



Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson  
(illus)  
Templar  
Age 5-7+

An old man lives alone in a windswept place only visited by people coming to dump the things they don't want any more. He spent his days working hard to clear the rubbish away and his nights dreaming of living in a beautiful exotic rainforest. One day he has an idea and decides to make himself a forest from tin; full of trees, plants animals and birds. A bird visits the tin forest briefly delighting the old man who is sad when he leaves. Eventually the bird returns bringing a mate making the old man's wishes come true. The birds drop seeds which begin to grow into a variety of plants. Soon other creatures arrive and the tin forest is reclaimed by a real forest, teeming with life.

A beautifully written and illustrated story about hope, taking action to change our world and the magic and wonder of growth and life.

#### Characteristics of Folktales

- Simple and straightforward.
- Includes magical or supernatural elements.
- Problems and conflicts are clear.
- Ending is usually happy or satisfying.
- Good is usually rewarded; evil is usually punished.
- Speak to universal and timeless themes.

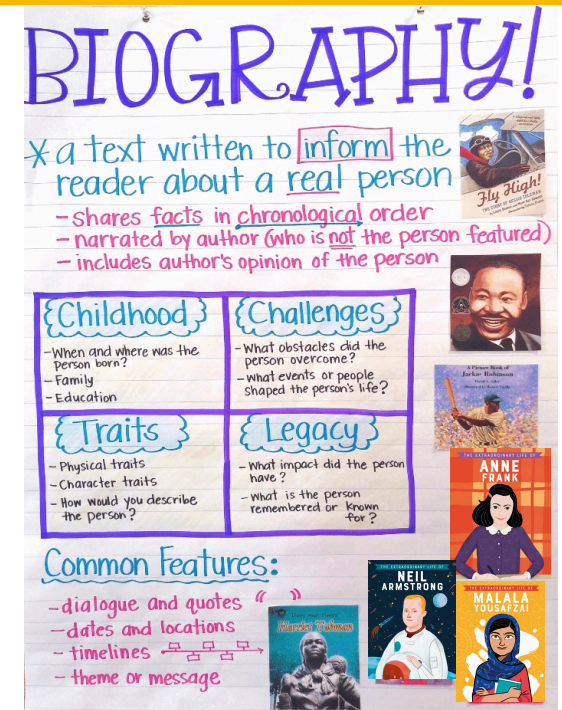
## Key information- Biography

A biography is a text written to inform the reader about a real person's life. (Past or present).

Purpose:  
To give an account of someone's life

Structure:  
Opening statement  
Chronological order of significant events  
Closing statement

Language features:  
Past tense  
Quotes  
Third person  
Time conjunctions



Joanne Rowling (July 31, 1965), pronounced like rolling, is the well renowned British author of the Harry Potter book series. Story has it that she conceived the idea for the series while on a delayed train traveling from Manchester to London. The Harry Potter series has gained worldwide attention and critical acclaim, and has even been made into a film series by the production house Warner Bros. When publishing her first book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Rowling's publishers were concerned that young male readers would not read a woman author and urged her to simply use her initial 'J'. The book was eventually published under the pen name J.K. Rowling because the K made it sound better.