

## TALL TALES: FINDING YOUR VOICE

Tall Tales are imaginatively told stories of larger-than-life fictionalized heroes and heroines. These stories, presented as true accounts, often begin by describing common, everyday situations, which grow more and more incredulous as the tale grows.

Use the templates below to study the features of tall tales. We've included suggested titles to get you started, but feel free to create your own list of favorites. Once students understand the basics, let them write their own!

<b>BOOK TITLE, MAIN CHARACTER'S NAME</b> and occupation	<b>SETTING</b> (Time and Place)	<b>CHARACTER:</b> abilities, strengths, exaggerations, weaknesses , and unusual things character could do	<b>STORY PROBLEM:</b> Obstacles and setbacks	<b>RESOLUTION</b>
<u><b>HOLLER LOUDLY</b></u> by Cynthia Leitich Smith  Main character:				
<u><b>LOUD EMILY</b></u> by Alexis O'Neill  Main character:				
<u><b>PAULA BUNYAN</b></u> by Phyllis Root Main character:				
<u><b>JOHN HENRY</b></u> by Julius Lester  Main character:				
<u><b>HEAT WAVE</b></u> by Helen Ketteman  Main character:				

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