

### **Elements of a myth –**

1. Supernatural forces exist – myths involve a god or supernatural power
2. Interprets or explain natural events such as an earthquake
3. Details human qualities or flaws such as the weakness of too much pride
4. Expresses a culture's view of the universe –myths commonly would attempt to explain that which was otherwise; unexplainable.
5. Other common elements used include a metamorphosis, monsters, invisibility, trials and tests, trickery, and god's interference

### **Elements of Tall Tales –**

1. Main character accomplishes great feats – superhuman
2. Main character is helped by a powerful object or animal
3. The author uses exaggeration
4. The story explains how things began or solves a problem
5. Hero has a colorful way of speaking.
6. Famous people may show up in the tale.
7. The hero does not like process.