#### Read this article as a group first:

"What is a Tall Tale? Common Elements Explained" by Jennifer Gunner

## Story Options:

- <u>"Brer Rabbit"</u>
- "Paul Bunyan"
- <u>"Pecos Bill"</u>
- "Tall Tales About Animals"









FUR BEARING TROUT Very Barc CAUGHT WHILE TROLLING IN LAKE SUPERIOR OFF GROS CAP. NEAR SAULT STL MARLE. DISTINCT OF ALGOMA It is believed that the great depth and the extreme penetrating collenses of the water in which these this live, has caused them to grow third dense cast of (auxally) white far. Insert a picture or color/shape that represents the story!

# Tall Tale Title Here Locale or state of origin

Group members names go here.



Find a picture or symbol that represents the main character.

Protagonist: Name, important information, something interesting about the character.

Character:

Character:

Character:

### Setting:

Find a picture that represents one of the settings.

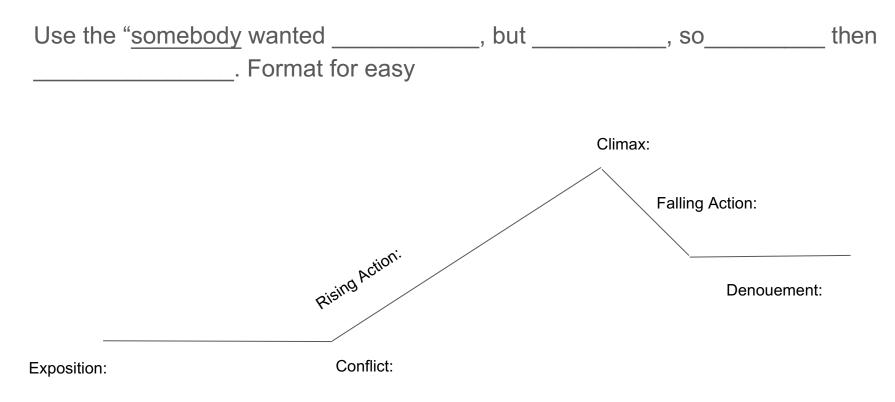
Location(s):

Approximate year date:

Time of year:

Any more information:

## Summary of the story:



#### Mood of the Story:

Example from the text

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#### Author's <u>Tone</u>:

Examples from the text

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### Find a theme:

A lesson learned by a character:

How did they grow and change:

Why did the characters act the way they acted?

What's different at the end of the story:

#### Question: Elements of a Tall tale

Which of these Tall tale elements did your stories include? Explain, use evidence from the text.

- a superhuman hero, usually a man, who is very strong (and/or very large)
- a narrator who is part of the story, or who witnessed the events
- a pleasant, folksy tone
- a folktale setting, such as a small town or village
- a problem that affects everyone
- unbelievable details told with <u>figurative language</u>
- the superhuman hero solves the problem with their strength
- the claim or belief that the story "really happened"