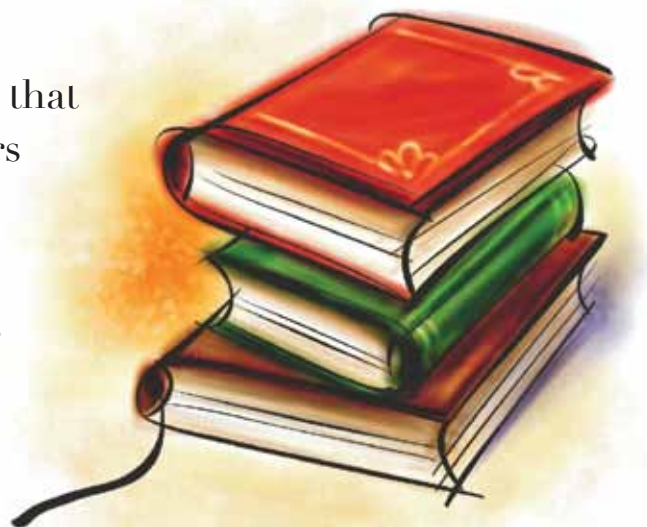# Tall Tales

Tall Tales are stories that were popular with American settlers in the 1800's. these stories involved heroic characters overcoming obstacles through extraordinary acts of speed, strength, or bravery. These stories were told aloud and over time became more and more exaggerated and impossible to believe. Even though the stories were larger than life, they were based on real-life problems faced by people of the time.

Tall Tales generally include:

-a larger-than-life character   -action

-a problem or obstacle   -a triumph

-funny or impossible elements

Read the following tall tales. Which tall tale elements are included in each story? Complete the chart by checking off each one that you find in the story.

	Larger-Than-Life Character	Problem or Obstacle	Funny or impossible elements	Action	A Triumph
Johnny Appleseed					
Paul Bunyan					
John Henry					
Captain Stormalong					
Pecos Bill					