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Aesop's Fables

Aesop's Fables are a collection of tales from story teller called Aesop, who was a slave in Ancient Greece. Most of his characters are animals and each fable has a moral to be learned from the tale.



Copy this fable neatly into your handwriting books:

The Hare and the Tortoise

A hare, one day, made himself merry over the slow pace of the tortoise, vainly boasting of his own great speed in running.

The tortoise smiled at the hare and replied, "Let us try a race. We shall run from here to the pond and the fox out yonder shall be the judge." The hare agreed and away they started together. True to his boasting the hare was out of sight in a moment.

The tortoise jogged along with a slow, steady pace, straight towards the end of the course. Full of sport, the hare first outran the tortoise, then intentionally fell behind chuckling at the tortoise all the while.

Having come nearly to the goal, the hare began to nibble at the young plants. After a while, the day being warm, he lay down for a nap, saying: "The tortoise is behind me now. If he should go by, I can easily enough catch up."

When the hare woke, the tortoise was not in sight. Running as fast as he could, the hare found the fox congratulating the tortoise at the finish line.

Moral: Slow but steady wins the race!

Find some more of Aesop's fables and list the titles with their morals.

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Turtles

Copy this passage in your best handwriting:

Turtles can live on land and in the sea. A turtle is cold-blooded, like other reptiles and has a hard shell covering its body that protects it like a shield. The turtle shell is made of keratin, which is the same material our fingernails are made of. Turtles can retract their heads in case of danger so that they go inside their shells.



Turtles have been around for millions of years; they can live long lives and some can live to 200 years of age! Sea turtles will swim miles to return to the location where they were born to lay their eggs. Some turtles lay eggs in the sand and leave them to hatch on their own. Sea turtle babies will hatch at night and look for the light of the moon as a guide to lead them to the water. The young turtles make their way to the top of the sand and scramble to the water while trying to avoid predators. Baby turtles are called sparkies.

Find out some more facts about turtles and write them below:

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Aboriginal Tale

The tale of Tiddalik the Frog is a legend from Australian Aboriginal mythology.

Copy this extract from the story in your best handwriting:



In the beginning of the time, there was a great frog named Tiddalick. He lived in the Southern New South Wales. He was bigger than any other frog and wandered around the plains of Riverina.

One very hot day, Tiddalick was very thirsty so he began to drink and drink and drink until the whole billabong was all dried up. When all the other animals came to the billabong to drink there was no water. They knew it was the greedy frog who had drunk all the water. They were very angry at him. If the animals wanted to get all the water out of Tiddalick and back into the billabong, they would have to make Tiddalick laugh until all the water came out.

Try and find out how the story ends and write it in brief bullet points.

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The Great Plague

Read this diary extract and copy it in your best handwriting:



March 3, 1348

Dear Diary,

My name is Edith Miller. The Black Death has hit our village and I am starting to see the most horrible things happening everywhere around me. It is 1348 and I am turning 21 this year. However, by the way things are going in the village, I am just hoping that I make it to my birthday.

Apparently, this plague is very deadly and came to us by rats during sea travel through the Mediterranean. The Black Death symptoms include high fever, headaches, painful, aching joints, nausea, vomiting and purple skin patches. Out of every person who is getting this plague, 4 out of 5 people died within 8 days.

I have seen children being left behind everywhere. Parents are fleeing for their lives, and they aren't even concerned with their own children. It is absolutely horrifying. I have tried to go to the Church and pray about what is going on but all of the clergy is leaving, and even the powerful Church is struggling with what to do. I feel like I am on an island all alone. I have not contracted the plague and I am still hoping to stay safe whilst helping others in my village.

That is all for now diary ...

Make up your own version of Edith's next diary entry explaining what happened next.

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Welsh National Anthem

It is good handwriting practice to write in another language.

Here is the Welsh National Anthem for you to copy neatly. Be careful with your spelling!



Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra môd,
Tros ryddid collasant eu gwaged.

CHORUS

Gwlad, Gwlad, pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad,
Tra môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,
O bydded i'r heniaith barhau.

Find out some facts about Wales and write them below as bullet points.

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Shakespeare Sonnet

A sonnet is a poem of 14 lines and each line has 10 syllables. Here is a famous sonnet about love by William Shakespeare.

Copy this sonnet in your best handwriting. The language is old-fashioned so copy the words very carefully.



Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimmed.
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall Death brag thou wand'rest in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st.
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Find out the meanings of the following words:

thee _____

thou _____

art _____

hath _____

thy _____

temperate _____

complexion _____

eternal _____