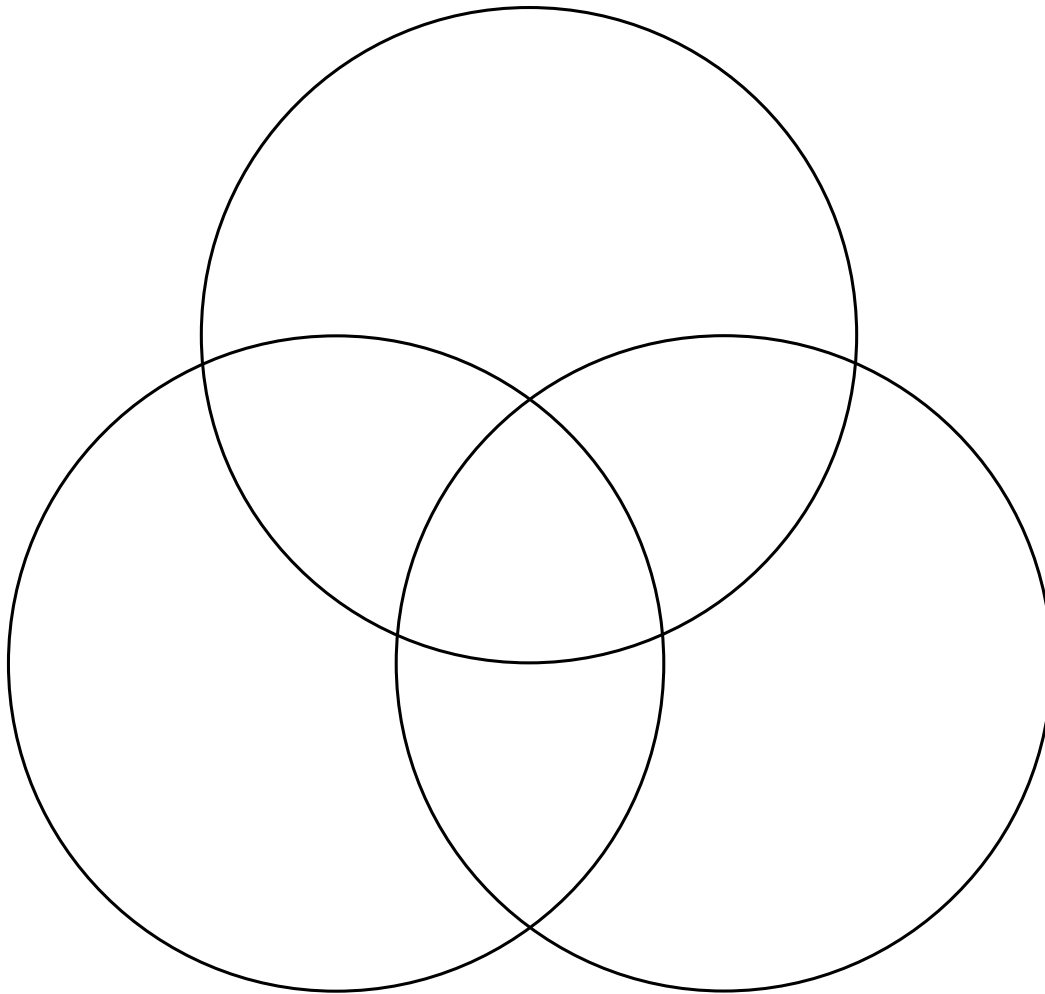


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# Comparing Themes in Folktales

Many folktales from around the world share common ideas, or themes. Use the Venn diagram to help you compare themes in folktales described on this Web site. Inside each circle write the title of one of the three folktales you are comparing. Next to each theme is a letter. If a theme is found in just one folktale, write the letter you see next to that theme in the section of the Venn diagram for that folktale. If the theme appears in two folktales, write the letter in the section where those two story circles overlap. If the theme applies to all three stories, write the letter in the section where all three circles intersect.



## THEMES

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| <b>A.</b> heroic qualities (wisdom, bravery) | <b>F.</b> power of magic                       |
| <b>B.</b> morals or lessons                  | <b>G.</b> conflict between children and adults |
| <b>C.</b> nature and animals                 | <b>H.</b> role of the trickster                |
| <b>D.</b> story keepers and story finders    | <b>I.</b> power of words and language          |
| <b>E.</b> good versus evil                   | <b>J.</b> role of a friend/companion/guide     |