A tall tale is an exaggerated story about real or fictional people and animals that is related as a true and factual account. They solve problems in hard to believe ways and the characters are bigger than life. Tall tales are usually humorous. This is an annotated list of tall tales for children in grades K-8.

**Teaching Aids:**

A collection of best loved stories in readers theatre format to integrate with the United States history and language arts curriculum in the upper elementary and middle school grades.
*Call number: Curr.Mats. PS3606 .R433 A73 2008*

Includes history, resources, websites, and multi-disciplinary activities for ten American tall tales.
*Call number: Curr.Mats. GR105.3 .P477 2002*

Tall tale characters like Pecos Bill, Slue Foot Sue, and John Henry put a fun new twist on teaching history, geography, and literature through these engaging activities.
*Call number: Curr.Mats. GR45 .W48 1998*

**Children’s Books:**

Retold African-American folktales of animals, fantasy, the supernatural, and desire for freedom born of the sorrow of the slaves, but passed on in hope.
*Call number: Curr.Mats. j398.2 Ham*

Describes the life of the legendary steel-driving man who was born and who died with a hammer in his hand.
*Call number: Curr.Mats. j398.22 Kea 1987*
Recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many adventures.
Call number: Curr.Mats. j398.2 Kel

Incidents from the life of Pecos Bill, from his childhood among the coyotes to his unusual wedding day.
Call number: Curr.Mats. j398.22 Kel

Retells the life of the legendary African America hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.
Call number: Curr.Mats. j398.21 Les

(Grades 6-8).
A collection of American tall tales.
Call number: Curr.Mats. j398.2 Mal

Dona Flor sets off to protect her neighbors from what they think is a dangerous animal.
She soon discovers the tiny secret behind the big noise.
Call number: Curr.Mats. PJ Mor

Thunder Rose performs all sorts of amazing feats, building fences, taming a herd of steers, capturing a gang of rustlers, and turning aside a tornado.
Call number: Curr.Mats. PJ Nol

A collection of tall tales about American folk heroes.
Call number: Curr.Mats. j398.22 Osb

A transmission received from outer space in a combination of different Earth languages tells of an alien schoolboy’s fantastic excuse for being late to school.
Call number: Curr.Mats. PJ Sci

Paul Bunyan, his wife, and their children do some ordinary things which result in the formation of Niagara Falls, Bryce Canyon, and other natural monuments.
Call number: Curr.Mats. PJ Woo

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