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Small Shoes, Big Journeys: 2nd Grade Tales from Faraway Lands Quiz

Challenge your students to compare folk heroes and identify global story patterns in this medium-difficulty analysis of international myths and legends.

1. In the French story 'Puss in Boots,' how does the clever cat help his master?

- A. He builds a giant stone castle
- B. He uses tricks to make his master look like a rich marquis
- C. He fights a dragon with a tiny sword
- D. He bakes magic bread for the King

2. The story of 'Anansi the Spider' comes from West African traditions.

- A. True
- B. False

3. In many Brazilian legends, the ____ is a mischievous boy with one leg who protects the forest.

- A. Coyote
- B. Leprechaun
- C. Saci-pererê
- D. Kappa

4. If you are reading a story about a 'Baba Yaga' who lives in a house on chicken legs, what part of the world is the story from?

- A. Australia
- B. Russia/Eastern Europe
- C. Mexico
- D. Egypt

5. In the Vietnamese story 'The Legend of the Rice Cake,' the prince wins the contest by finding the most expensive gold in the world.

- A. True
- B. False

6. Many world fables, like those from India's 'Panchatantra,' use ____ as characters to teach lessons to humans.

- A. Animals
- B. Robots
- C. Cars
- D. Clouds

7. In the Irish tale of 'The Salmon of Knowledge,' how does Finnegan learn all the world's secrets?

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- A. He reads a thousand books
- B. He burns his thumb on a fish and tastes it
- C. He listens to the wind
- D. He wears a magic hat

8. The 'Peach Boy' (Momotaro) is a famous hero from Japanese literature who was found inside a giant peach.

- A. True
- B. False

9. In the Australian Aboriginal 'Dreamtime' stories, the ____ is a giant spirit that created the rivers and mountains.

- A. Great Eagle
- B. Rainbow Serpent
- C. Golden Lion
- D. Silver Whale

10. What common 'lesson' or theme do we see in both the German 'Town Musicians of Bremen' and the South African 'The Lion's Share'?

- A. It is best to work alone
- B. Small or weak animals can succeed by working together
- C. Always chase the sun
- D. Lions are the only smart animals