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Which Way to the Rainforest? A 3rd Grade World Literature Safari

Folktale motifs, cultural settings, and character lessons from Brazil to Norway. Students analyze how environment and tradition shape the heart of a story.

1. In the famous Brazilian legend of the 'Curupira,' this forest protector has feet that point backward. Why does he have this physical trait?

- A. To help him run faster through the trees
- B. To confuse hunters by making his tracks lead the wrong way
- C. Because he was born during a magical thunderstorm
- D. To help him climb tall Amazonian palm trees

2. In French literature, the story of 'Puss in Boots' features a clever cat who uses his _____ to help his master become a prince.

- A. magic wand
- B. sharp claws
- C. quick wit
- D. heavy boots

3. In Scandinavian stories, Trolls are often described as living under bridges or inside mountains.

- A. True
- B. False

4. The story of 'The Magic Brocade' is a famous tale from China. What is a 'brocade'?

- A. A type of spicy noodle soup
- B. A heavy fabric with a woven pattern
- C. A golden mountain peak
- D. A traditional wooden boat

5. In the Australian Aboriginal 'Dreamtime' stories, tales are often used to explain how _____ were created.

- A. machines
- B. landmarks
- C. books
- D. buildings

6. In many West African stories, Anansi the Spider is a character who always uses brute strength to win his battles.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. If you are reading a story set in the 'Steppes' of Central Asia, what kind of environment should you imagine?

- A. A dark, frozen cave
- B. A crowded city with skyscrapers
- C. Large, flat grasslands without many trees
- D. A wet, tropical rainforest

8. In the Italian story of 'Pinocchio,' the main character's nose grows longer every time he tells a _____.

- A. joke
- B. secret
- C. lie
- D. song

9. World literature shows us that even though people live in different places, they often share similar themes, like the importance of kindness.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of these is a common job for a character in a 'Fairy Tale' from Germany, like those collected by the Brothers Grimm?

- A. An astronaut
- B. A computer coder
- C. A woodcutter
- D. A deep-sea diver