



Tumbleweed Stew

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Literature

Focus: Compare plots, settings and characters in several versions of the Stone Soup folktale.

Pass Objectives:

- 6.1 Demonstrate knowledge of and appreciation for folktales.
- 6.2 Compare plot, setting and characters in several versions of a folktale.
- 6.3 Infer a lesson or moral in the folktales.

Supplies: Paper and pencil and several versions of the folktale. Read Tumbleweed Stew aloud and create a graph on the black board with the following elements: title, author, characters, soup ingredients, setting, lesson or moral. Divide the class into pairs and have each pair read a version and add their information to the graph. Place all the books in a stew pot in a reading center. After all the students have read all the versions, have them vote for their favorite. As an extension, have the class write a version set in their classroom.