

CHARACTERISTICS OF A FABLE

- Written in past tense (because you are to learn from the past experience of the animals)
- Protagonist always has a conflict
- Conflict is always resolved, or the protagonist has a realization of how to improve in the future.
- Easy to understand/accessible to all
- Animal names are common nouns of animals but capitalized.
 - Ex: the Cat, the Rat
- Short, concise story. To the point. Doesn't get sidetracked.
- Description is used for emphasis, but not overused.
- Characters are animals that can talk. (Anthropomorphic)
- Dialogue is used between characters
- Plot
 - Beginning: establishes setting and introduces characters
 - Middle: Introduces conflict
 - End: Resolves conflict
- The moral of the story is always directly stated at the end, but should be obvious

