

WALT: Identify the main features of a fable
and justify my choice using reasoning.

What is a Fable?



What is a moral?



Answers

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A fable is a *short story* that contains a *moral*.

What is a moral?

A moral is a *short lesson about life* that is *found in a story*.

Example: Treat others the way you expect to be treated

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Elements of a Fable

Most fables contain one or more of the following elements:

- A very short story
 - A moral at the end
 - Characters that are animals or elements of nature
 - Non-human characters can talk or show human characteristics
 - Often takes place outside
 - At least one character makes a bad decision
 - May involve a character who is sly or clever
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Here are the list of morals found in fables.

- Always tell the truth
- Do not destroy property
- Have courage
- Keep your promises
- Do not cheat
- Treat others as you want to be treated
- Do not judge
- Be dependable
- Be forgiving
- Have integrity
- Take responsibility for your actions
- Have patience
- Be loyal
- Have respect for yourself and others
- Be tolerant of differences
- Seek justice
- Have humility
- Be generous

Can you think of any stories which match these morals?

Task: Read through the fables considering what the moral might be.
Select the moral for each fable and explain your choices.

Moral choices: *select one for each fable.*

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The Ant and the Dove



Metacognition



(Teacher example)

An Ant went to the bank of a river to quench its thirst, and being carried away by the rush of the stream, was on the point of drowning. A Dove sitting on a tree overhanging the water plucked a leaf and let it fall into the stream close to her. The Ant climbed onto it and floated in safety to the bank. Shortly afterwards a bird catcher came and stood under the tree, and laid his lime-twigs (which were used to catch birds) for the Dove, which sat in the branches. The Ant, understanding his use, stung him in the foot. In pain the bird catcher threw down the twigs, and the noise made the Dove take wing.

Moral: **One good turn deserves another**

Reasoning:

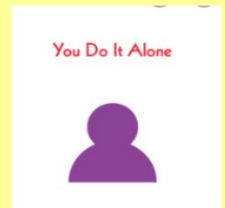
The reason that I chose this moral was because when the Ant was drowning, the Dove kindly helped by providing a leaf for him to climb onto. The Dove repaid the favour by helping the Ant when the bird catcher tried to use his lime-twigs to catch her.

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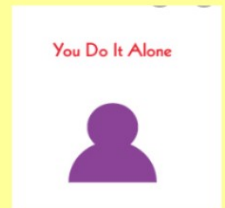
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Your opinion to include:

'the wolf disguised himself as a sheep which caused another sheep to trust and follow him.'

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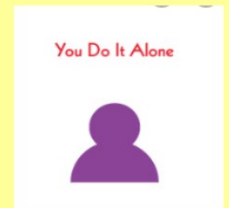
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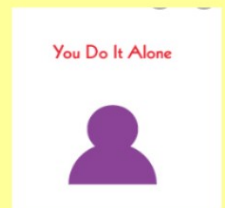
Moral: Beware of flattery

Reasoning:

Your opinion to include:

The clever fox used words to make the Crow feel really good about herself. When she responded the cheese fell from her mouth which the fox then ran away with. He was not looking to be kind but greedy.

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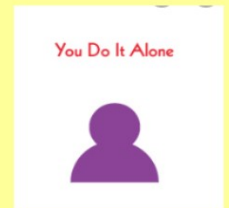
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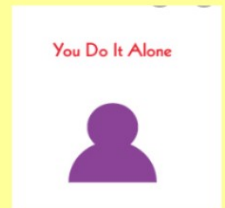
Moral: Do not envy the gifts of others. Make the most of your own.

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Your opinion to include:

The peacock failed to see that she was seen as beautiful by others. She was too busy worrying about what she sounded like instead and comparing herself to others.

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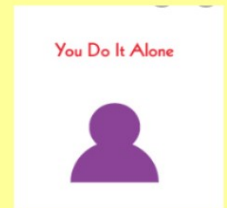
"You're right," said her husband, "We wouldn't have to wait for the goose to lay her egg every day."

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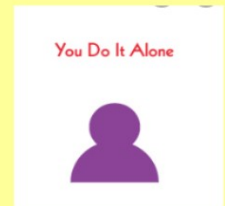
Reasoning

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You need to be thankful for what you have and appreciate it.

The goose would have laid an egg everyday and provided for them but their greed put a stop to it.

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