

**T**all Tales are stories that were popular with American settlers in the 1800's. these stories involved heroic characters overcoming obstacles through extraordinary acts of speed, strength, or bravery. These stories were told aloud and over time became more and more exaggerated and impossible to believe. Even though the stories were larger than life, they were based on real-life problems faced by people of the time.



Tall Tales generally include:

- a larger-than-life character
- a problem or obstacle
- funny or impossible elements
- action
- a triumph

Read the following tall tales. Which tall tale elements are included in each story? Complete the chart by checking off each one that you find in the story.

	Larger-Than-Life Character	Problem or Obstacle	Funny or impossible elements	Action	A Triumph
<b>Johnny Appleseed</b>					
<b>Paul Bunyan</b>					
<b>John Henry</b>					
<b>Captain Stormalong</b>					
<b>Pecos Bill</b>					

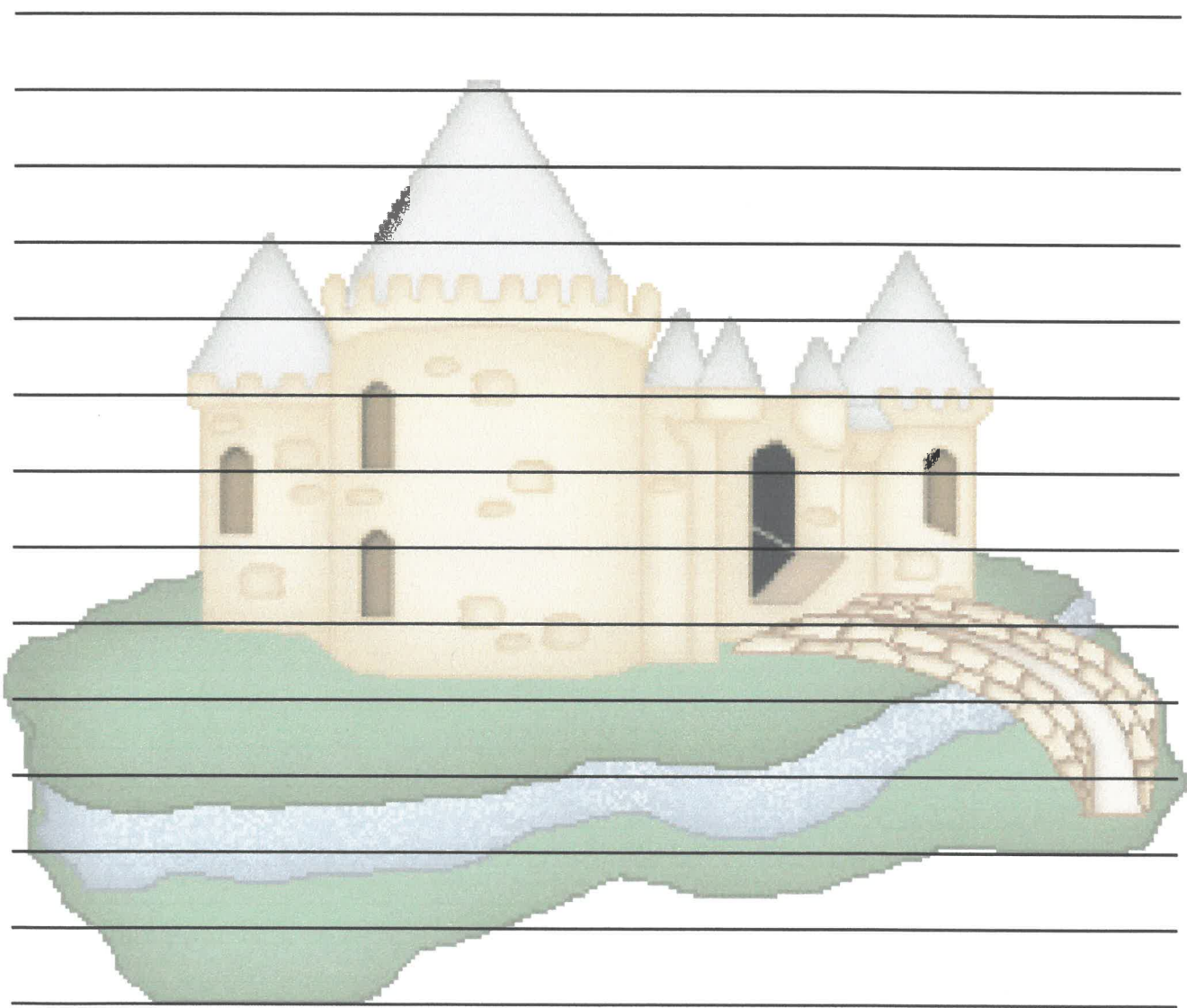
Make up a tall tale about yourself using a favorite trait that you like about yourself. Turn your favorite trait into an exaggeration, and then into a story!

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Written by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Real-Life Trait:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exaggerated Trait:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Tall Tales: Fantastic Feats

Tall tales show characters overcoming obstacles, winning battles, or completing amazing feats through superhuman speed, strength, or bravery. Choose your favorite tall tale character. Write and draw to show the problem faced by your character, as well as the solution. Then think of another funny or impossible solution to the problem.

**Character:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Solution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternative Solution:** \_\_\_\_\_

