

Activator: Building on Prior Knowledge

- ▶ Select a character from the list below which you are familiar with. Next, describe that character in great detail, including his personality and characteristics, as well as the types of situations he typically finds himself in and how he gets out of them.
 - ▶ Captain Jack Sparrow from the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies
 - ▶ Bugs Bunny from the *Looney Tunes* cartoon
 - ▶ Bart Simpson from *The Simpsons* cartoon
 - ▶ Loki from the *Thor* Marvel Comics

Archetypes

An Overview

Archetype: A Definition

- ▶ An **archetype** is a basic plot, character, image, or idea that **recurs** in different versions of a story.
- ▶ They are independent of culture and have **universal** meanings, as well as relate to **basic human experiences**.

Types of Archetypes

- ▶ **Situational**: situations that recur in different versions of a story.
 - ▶ Example: In all Cinderella stories, the girl is an orphan or stepchild that is mistreated, but is saved by a fairy godmother figure.
- ▶ **Symbolic**: symbols that recur in different versions of a story.
 - ▶ Example: In all creation stories, a “void” or water is the only thing that exists at first, until creation.

Types of Archetypes, cont.

- ▶ **Setting:** a time, place, or landscape that recurs in different versions of a story.
 - ▶ Example: A paradise like the Garden of Eden appears often.
- ▶ **Character:** character types/personalities that recur in different versions of a story.
 - ▶ Example: Most myths and folktales have a good figure that is heroic and an evil figure.

Situational Archetypes



- ▶ Quest
- ▶ Task
- ▶ Initiation
- ▶ Journey
- ▶ Fall
- ▶ Death and rebirth
- ▶ Nature vs. mechanical
- ▶ Good vs. evil
- ▶ Unhealable wound
- ▶ Ritual
- ▶ Magic weapon

Symbolic Archetypes

- ▶ Light vs. Darkness
- ▶ Water vs. Desert
- ▶ Heaven vs. Hell
- ▶ Innate Wisdom vs. Educated stupidity
- ▶ Haven vs. Wilderness
- ▶ Supernatural intervention
- ▶ Fire and Ice
- ▶ Universe vs. Opposites
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Sun



- ▶ Circle of completion
- ▶ Connection between heaven and earth (tree)
- ▶ Colors
- ▶ Numbers

Setting Archetypes



- ▶ Eden
- ▶ Hell
- ▶ The Great Flood



Character Archetypes

- ▶ Hero
- ▶ Mentor
- ▶ Young “country” man
- ▶ Friendly beast
- ▶ Evil figure with good heart
- ▶ Loyal sidekick
- ▶ Devil figure
- ▶ Scapegoat
- ▶ Outcast
- ▶ The initiates
- ▶ Creature of nightmare
- ▶ Earth mother
- ▶ Temptress
- ▶ Patriotic ideal
- ▶ Unfaithful wife
- ▶ Damsel in distress
- ▶ Star crossed lovers
- ▶ Trickster
- ▶ Wise old man
- ▶ The divine child



Activator: “*Luck*” of the Draw

- ▶ If I call on your desk number, you will add to our collective FAST analysis of the monkey from “The Monkey and the Crocodile.”

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Trickster Definition and Characteristics

- ▶ A trickster is usually the **main character** in a myth, fable, or folktale.
- ▶ Tricksters usually come in the form of **personified animals** that are considered intelligent or crafty by the local people.
- ▶ Tricksters **rebel** against any kind of authority or social tradition, but they are not necessarily evil, more **mischievous**.
- ▶ They are **clever, curious, and creative**, but their selfishness and mischievous nature get them into trouble.

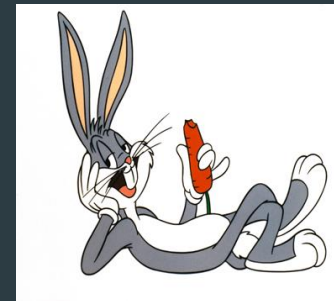
Typical Tricksters

- ▶ Different cultures have different animals that often represent their tricksters:
 - ▶ North America and Europe: coyote, fox, rabbit, and raven
 - ▶ Africa: spider and tortoise
 - ▶ Asia: monkey



Modern Trickster Examples

- ▶ The following are some examples of tricksters in our modern day culture:
 - ▶ Bugs Bunny
 - ▶ Ferris Bueller
 - ▶ Wyle E. Coyote
 - ▶ Captain Jack Sparrow
 - ▶ Bart Simpson
 - ▶ Loki



“Coyote and the Origin of Death”

- ▶ Pages 23-24
- ▶ “Coyote and the Origin of Death” is a Caddo myth. The Caddo tribe resided in eastern Texas, northern Louisiana, and southern Arkansas and Oklahoma.
- ▶ Though not explaining the creation of the universe, this myth is still an **origin myth** because it explains how death came into existence.
- ▶ As we read, you will complete a FAST analysis of the coyote.
- ▶ Focus on how the coyote represents a trickster.

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Wanted Poster

INSTRUCTIONS: Now that you have read “Coyote and the Origin of Death,” you will create a WANTED poster for the Coyote for making death eternal. Your poster should include the following:

1. “WANTED,” “Coyote,” and the reward you’re offering written at the top.
2. A colorful and creative visual of Coyote.
3. A physical description of Coyote (bulleted list).
4. A RACES response answering the following question:
How is the Coyote a trickster?



Summarizer: “*Luck*” of the Draw

- ▶ **INSTRUCTIONS:** I will draw numbers at random. If I draw the number desk at which you sit, I will call on you to answer one of the following questions:
 1. What is an archetype?
 2. What are the four types of archetypes?
 3. What are the qualities of a trickster?
 4. How is the Coyote a trickster?