

Student Essay on Epics Vs. Tall Tales

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Two exceedingly popular types of stories are epics and tall tales. Many of them are known nation wide. They are both very entertaining types of stories. There are numerous similarities and differences between the two.

Tall tales are in various ways different from epics. One way in which they are diverse is that tall tales are American-based. An example for a tall tale that is American-based is Paul Bunyan because it explains how things like the Great Lakes and Death Valley were created. Tall tales are also terse and silly is another. A superior example of a tall tale that is terse and silly is Pecos Bill because the way Pecos Bill could live with the wolves and speak their language was rather silly. Tall tales are not formally written and are also fictional. Another thing is that they don't have a definite ending.

Epics, on the other hand, have their own differences. Epics are extensive and serious. Also, many times epics are depressing. The Song of Roland is an example of a depressing story because Roland dies a tragic death at the end. Many epics have something to do with Gods and supernatural powers. An example of an epic that has Gods and characters with supernatural powers is the Iliad because it shows how the Gods took sides in the Trojan War and how the Gods gave the characters supernatural powers. Epics are very ancient and have some veracity in them.

However, there are several similarities between epics and tall tales. For instance, they both are extremely exaggerated and non-existent. Another thing is that they both involve heroes and villains. Personification is also often used in both types of stories.

In conclusion, epics and tall tales each have their own differences. However, both are similar in many ways. They are both extremely popular nation wide. They are both extremely popular nation wide. They will probably entertain readers for years to come.