

Worksheet 3.1. Analyzing an African Folktale

Answers to questions 1 and 4 will vary. Responses for questions 2 and 3 for each folktale are noted here:

Mosquito and Ear (Chapter 9)

2. Treat others with respect.
3. Explains why mosquitoes buzz near your ear when you trying to sleep.

Snake-lizard and the Leaves (Chapter 9)

2. None.
3. Explains that food becomes reduced in volume when it is cooked.

How Tortoise Got His Bumpy Shell (Chapter 11)

2. Be skeptical of those who are known to lie. Those who are too greedy will be punished. The clan is more important than the individual. When weaker people (the birds) cooperate with each other, they can defeat their enemy (the tortoise).
3. Explains why the tortoise's shell appears fractured.

Mother Kite and Daughter Kite (Chapter 15)

2. Never kill a man who says nothing. One should not fear someone who shouts.
3. None.