**Strategies for Reading Folklore**

1. **Enjoy the story.**  These stories are filled with action and adventure.
2. **Think about the purpose.** Is its purpose to explain a mystery of nature, to teach a lesson, or the poke fun at human nature?
3. **Look for values and customs of the culture from which the story comes.**
4. **Decide who holds the power.** Do humans control their own fate, or do gods control it?
5. **Compare the story with others.** What do the stories have in common?