

Ancient Tales Knowledge Organiser

Tale	Author	Origin	Morals	Key words	One key connection
<i>The Cheetah's Whisker</i>	KP Kojo	Ethiopia and Eritrea	a. There is no shortcut to building relationships. You have to work hard at them. b. Relationships are important. Some you will never forget.	quest love potion enunciation	There is a love potion in this story, just like in A Midsummer Night's Dream. This love potion doesn't cause chaos.
<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>	Adapted by Carol Ann Duffy	Germany	a. Growing up is difficult but rewarding. b. Good will overcome evil. c. A little bit of cunning can save your life.	vulnerable Ingenious/ingenuity outwit dialogue	The children are vulnerable in this story, just like Oliver Twist. Like Oliver, they are rewarded at the end.
<i>Two Dinners</i>	Trish Cooke	West Africa and the Caribbean	Don't be greedy. If you are greedy, you will end up with nothing.	lovable rogue comeuppance universal	Brer Anansi is a lovable rogue, just like the Artful Dodger. Both receive a comeuppance.
<i>The Giant's Causeway</i>	Una Leavy	Ireland	a. Trust your wife to save the day. b. Don't be arrogant. c. A little but of cunning can save your life. d. A big and scary problem can be overcome.	lovable rogue ingenious/ingenuity hand gestures	Bláithín's plan is ingenious, just like Hansel and Gretel's. Bláithín's ingenuity saves her husband's life.
<i>The Wicked King and his Good Son</i>	Madhur Jaffrey	India	a. No mortal can escape death. Trying to do so ends in disaster. b. Don't be arrogant. c. Good will triumph over evil. d. It is never too late to make up for the bad things you have done.	tyrant/tyrannical Holi hand gestures relate universal	King Hiranya Kashyap and Theseus are both rulers. However, they use their power in different ways.
Extracts from <i>Tales from the Thousand and One Nights</i>	Translated by NJ Dawood	The Middle East	a. Good will triumph over evil. b. No one is beyond repentance. c. A little bit of cunning can save your life.	tyrant ingenious repentant emphasis	King Shahriyar repents, unlike Bill Sikes in Oliver Twist. Bill Sikes kills Nancy, King Shahriyar pardons Shahrazad.