

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand the characteristics of Trickster figures in African folklore, particularly focusing on Legba and Anansi. They will learn about the stories and morals associated with these characters and create their own Trickster story.

Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencil or crayons
- Access to a comfortable reading space
- Knowledge of basic folklore concepts (trickster, moral lessons)

Activities

- **Story Time:**

Read a short story about Anansi or Legba. Discuss the main events and the character's actions. Ask the student what they think makes Anansi or Legba a Trickster.

- **Character Drawing:**

Have the student draw their favorite Trickster character. Encourage them to think about what makes that character unique and fun!

- **Create Your Own Trickster Story:**

Guide the student to write their own short Trickster story. They can use elements from Anansi or Legba's stories or create something completely new. Encourage creativity!

- **Trickster Role Play:**

Act out a scene from the story they read or their own story. They can pretend to be Anansi or Legba and use their imagination to bring the character to life!

Talking Points

- "Do you know what a Trickster is? A Trickster is a character who is clever and often gets into trouble, but they usually teach us a lesson!"
- "Anansi is a spider who loves to trick others. What do you think he teaches us with his tricks?"
- "Legba is a wise character who helps connect people to the spirits. Isn't it interesting how he plays a role in many stories?"
- "What do you think makes a story fun? Is it the characters, the adventures, or the lessons?"
- "When you create your own Trickster story, think about what kind of trouble your character will get into. What lesson will they teach?"
- "Can you think of other stories with Trickster characters? How are they similar or different from Anansi or Legba?"
- "Why do you think people tell Trickster stories? What do they help us learn about life?"
- "Let's act out your favorite part of the story! How does it feel to be a Trickster for a moment?"