



ACTIVITY 1

TALES OF THE WORLD

Tales are one of the most interesting and revealing expressions of culture. Anchored in history, verbally transmitted, they are also the carriers of the main values of a culture. This activity uses tales to explore the perceptions (and stereotypes) we may have about different cultures.

ISSUES ADDRESSED

- perceptions and images we have of other cultures and of our own;
- ethnocentrism and stereotyping.

AIMS OF THE ACTIVITY

- to raise curiosity about tales from other cultures and peoples
- to challenge stereotypes and prejudice about other cultures values
- to raise curiosity about other peoples, cultures, music and language
- to puzzle participants and introduce a good atmosphere in the group.

ACTIVITY

- Read the tales in Version A
- Try to guess where the tales comes from. (Southern Europe, Northern Europe, Central Europe, Eastern Europe, Africa, Middle East, South America, Asia, North America.)
- Change group composition, share guesses and discuss reasons for them.
- Come up with a common decision about the origin of each tale.
- In plenary, share conclusions and the reasons of the choices.
- Read the tales in Version B.

DEBRIEFING

Did you like the tales? Were you surprised by the origins? Was it easy or difficult to guess the origins of the tales in Version A?