

COMPARE TWO STORIES

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Compare Two Stories

Passage 1

It's true that there are no snakes native to Ireland, but the legend behind this fact is harder to prove. Sometime around the fifth century, a priest named Patrick was living in Ireland. During a forty-day period in which he fasted from food to focus on prayer, the snakes that once lived on the island bothered him. Patrick waved his staff and cast the snakes into the sea. The legend persists as part of St. Patrick's Day, which celebrates this saint.

Passage 2

In Iceland, it's not Santa Claus but the Yule Lads who visit homes and leave gifts in December. These thirteen mischievous creatures are each known for a different playful trick they like to play. They also leave gifts inside the shoes of good little girls and boys during the thirteen days leading up to Christmas Eve. Naughty children receive potatoes, which is at least better than being eaten by the grumpy Yule Cat!

What theme do these stories share?

Different cultures have different Christmas traditions.

Some popular holidays have legends behind them.

Not all stories about saints can be proven.

Holidays are a fun time for families to be together.



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"These wings are held together with wax," Daedalus explained to his son, Icarus. "Be careful not to fly too high, or the sun will melt the wax and the wings will fall apart."

The two donned their wings and began their escape from the island. Icarus was good at flying, and he enjoyed the sensation. He flew higher and higher, until melted wax began to drip from his wings. All of a sudden, he fell through the air and crashed into the sea.

Passage 2

Prometheus had warned his brother never to accept a gift from Zeus, king of the gods. When Zeus offered a beautiful woman to marry, Epimetheus forgot all about his brother's advice. Epimetheus took Pandora's hand in marriage, along with the mysterious box she carried. One day, out of curiosity, Pandora opened the box to see what was inside. All the world's evils came out and have plagued man ever since.

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Which theme do these stories have in common?

Flying is dangerous.	Obey what you are told.	Selfishness is evil.	Gifts are not always what they seem.
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Gleefully, King Midas touched everything in sight, turning chairs and rugs to solid gold with the flick of a finger. The trouble began when the wealthy king sat down for dinner. He grasped a chicken leg, which turned to gold in his hand. He brought a potato to his mouth using a fork, but it turned to gold when it touched his teeth.

"How will I be able to eat?" he wailed. "If I can't eat, I'll starve and die!"

Passage 2

The greedy king insisted on having this rare and expensive cloth for his robe. Day after day, the swindlers pretended to weave cloth. Everyone, including the king, pretended to see the cloth because they didn't want to be seen as unintelligent.

At last, the day came for the king to don his new robe. He stripped down to his underwear and pretended to slip into the robe. Then he marched out before the entire kingdom.

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What is the biggest difference between Passage 1 and Passage 2?

We have to face the difficulties in life bravely.

The things we wish for don't always turn out the way we expect.

The most important thing is to be who you are on the inside.

Before you move to a new place, you should learn all about it.