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Standards:

Focusing Question or Theme: What can we learn about the world from stories?

Learning Standards: 2AB—Interpret literature of different cultures

Chicago Reading Initiative: Students will expand vocabulary (1A) and apply Reading Strategies: I CAN...with a variety of texts (1B).

Grade Cycle: 4-8

Week	This week's Topic	This week's vocabulary	This week's Reading Read aloud/listening	This week's Activity
1	Fables tell you about a culture.	Fable Moral	Anansi fable	Students illustrate the fable and write their own moral for it. Recommend to teachers to continue with student-written fables.
2	Folktales tell you about a culture	Folk tale Value Culture	Folk tales of Asia	Students make sequence chart of events. Students write list of values the story communicates.
3	Poems tell you about a culture	Poem Tone Mood Main idea	Poems of different cultures	Students tell how the writer communicates—the words that give it tone and mood Students explain and support main idea.
4	Narratives tell you about a culture.	Narrative Sequence character	Excerpt from history.	Students tell how the writer keeps the reader interested. Students list information about life in the culture.
5	Paintings tell you about a culture	Painting Artist Technique	Paintings—students will interpret paintings of different cultures	Students list what they see—literally Students discuss why the artist included those things—what the artist wants us to understand Students compare the use of technique by a painter and a writer