



# Storytelling for a sustainable future

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Once upon a time, there was a village...



Stories are an essential part of being humans





# With a good story, you can

- Reflect your identity
- Discuss and consider ethical questions
- Connect to people and places
- Express emotions and ideas
- Try different roles and possibilities
- Create new ideas and sustainable thinking





# Enviromental themes in literature

- ❖ Nature is a traditional theme in children's, youth, and YA literature
- ❖ Env. issues and all-mighty environmental heroes/heroines since 1970's
- ❖ Climate crisis has been a rising theme lately





# How to use stories in environmental education?

- ◆ Storytelling in nature
- ◆ Green versions of familiar stories
- ◆ Stories connected to places
- ◆ Stories connected to other species
- ◆ Creating alternative futures with stories
- ◆ Stories as parts of green drama sessions



# Complexity

A major challenge for the sustainable storyteller





## How to tell a story about an issue that is

- ◇ Extremely complex
- ◇ Difficult to solve
- ◇ Divides opinions and is politically laden
- ◇ Has no clarity of who is the saint and who is the villain
- ◇ May cause anxiety among the audience?





What kind of  
stories do we need  
in environmental  
education?