Creative Writing Writing a Fable

A fable is a story that teaches a lesson. There has to be a moral to the story. Each of you will choose the proverb with which you would like to teach a lesson. You will *creatively* come up with a story that fits with that proverb and teaches the reader the moral of your story. Here are a few examples of fables.

**The Frogs and the Well**

Two frogs lived together in a marsh. But one hot summer the marsh dried up, and they left it to look for another place to live in, for frogs like damp places if they can get them. By and by they came to a deep well, and one of them looked down into it and said to the other, "This looks like a nice cool place. Let us jump in and settle here."

But the other, who had a wiser head on his shoulders, replied, "Not so fast, my friend. Supposing this well dried up like the marsh, how should we get out again?"

Moral - Look before you leap.

**The Ant and the Dove**

An ant went to the bank of a river to quench its thirst, and being carried away by the rush of the stream, was on the point of drowning. A dove sitting on a tree overhanging the water plucked a leaf and let it fall into the stream close to her. The ant climbed onto it and floated in safety to the bank.

Shortly afterwards a birdcatcher came and stood under the tree and laid his lime-twigs for the dove, which sat in the branches. The ant, perceiving his design, stung him in the foot. In pain the birdcatcher threw down the twigs, and the noise made the dove take wing.

Moral - One good turn deserves another.

**The Birds, the Beasts, and the Bat**

The birds waged war with the beasts, and each were by turns the conquerors. A bat, fearing the uncertain issues of the fight, always fought on the side which he felt was the strongest. When peace was proclaimed, his deceitful conduct was apparent to both combatants. Therefore being condemned by each for his treachery, he was driven forth from the light of day, and henceforth concealed himself in dark hiding places, flying always alone and at night.

Moral - He winds up friendless who plays both sides against the middle.

**Requirements** – fables will be at least 150 words, but no more than one page. Use the template. The proverb you choose will serve as the last line of your story!!

**Possible Proverbs for Writing a Fable**

All good things come in threes. Brad

To see everything through rose-colored glasses

True love never dies. Mya

Out of sight, out of mind.

Blood is thicker than water. Terilyn

The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree/Like father like son. Tiffany

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Connor

Honesty is the best policy. Ashley

A friend in need is a friend indeed. Fallon

Birds of a feather flock together.

People who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones. Abby

A stitch in time saves nine.

He who hesitates is lost. Clara

Don’t count your chickens before they hatch.

Not all that glitters is gold. Sophie

A person is known by the friends/company he/she keeps.

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