

Past, Tales, Legends

Identify a Virginia historic event, then compare stories and legends.

K.4.a "identifying examples of historic events, stories, and legends;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	Event	Story	Legend
b	Event	Story	Legend
c	Event	Story	Legend

2 TRACE LABELS _____

Event	E
Story	S
Legend	L

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Explain: events really happened; stories are tales; legends are traditional stories whose truth is uncertain. Before Part 1, say: In 1607 English settlers began Jamestown in Virginia, where Powhatan communities already lived. Starting Jamestown really happened. Ask each child to point to Event in row a and explain why. Then read the printed examples; legends are stories too.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY "Listen as I read each row's choices and situation. Circle or point to the best choice. Tell me why."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Neil Armstrong walked on the moon in 1969. Which label fits best?	Event
b	Cinderella rides to a ball in a pumpkin carriage. Which label fits best?	Story
c	Old King Arthur tales may be based on a real leader. They say he pulled a sword from a stone, but we cannot be sure. Which label fits best?	Legend

PART 2 • TRACE LABELS

SAY "Look at each word beside a box. As I say Event, Story, and Legend, can you trace the first letter of each word?"

- Box 1 (beside Event): **E**
- Box 2 (beside Story): **S**
- Box 3 (beside Legend): **L**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle Event for the moon landing and Story for Cinderella. Legend is the most specific label for King Arthur; also accept Story with an explanation because a legend is a kind of story. Being old alone does not make a tale a legend. Accept recognizable traced or written E, S, and L. Also check each child identifies the Jamestown founding as an event because it really happened. Explain that this early English settlement was not Virginia's first community: Indigenous communities were there earlier. Source: National Park Service, A Short History of Jamestown.