

NELSON MANDELA'S FAVORITE AFRICAN FOLKTALES

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORIES:

1. Who was able to defeat the *The Enchanting Song of the Magical Bird* in that story?
2. In *King Lion's Gifts*, what gift did Leopard get? Who got long ears, even though they didn't want any?
3. In *The Snake Chief*, why does Nandi's daughter agree to marry the snake?
4. In *How Hlakanyana Outwitted the Monster*, what does the monster mistake for Hlakanyana's leg?
5. What did monkeys look like before they were so thin and nimble, in the story *Words As Sweet As Honey from Sankhambi*?
6. Who do Wolf and Jackal steal the barrel of butter from in the story *Wolf and Jackal and the Barrel of Butter*?
7. Who ends up being Asmodeus the djinn's master at the end of the story *Asmodeus and the Bottler of Djinn*?
8. In the story *Mpipidi and the Motlopi Tree*, what is Mpipidi's fondest wish?
9. What is another name for the brightly painted dragon boats that the characters see in *Sannie Langtand and the Visitor*?

Answers to the story questions:

1. The children, "the only ones who hear truly and whose eyes are clear."
2. Leopard got a spotted suit. Donkey and Rabbit got long ears.
3. She wants to keep the promise her mother made. She said "A promise is a promise," and was fearless.
4. The strong root of a tree.
5. Furry little pot-bellied animals that moved slowly!
6. The farmer.
7. It is a big crayfish that sets him free, and so gets to be master of the djinn.
8. He wishes most for a little sister.
9. Chinese junks.