

# ST'ART

CLIL / Students' HANDOUT

Could you define the following words?

**Folklore**

**Mythology**

**Folktales**

**Folk stories**

**Elves „Hidden people“**

**Trolls**

**Ghost**

**Nature spirits**



## FOLKLORE

During the first part of the 19th century, there was increased interest in folktales in Iceland that can be linked with romanticism. National characteristics and identity were held in high regard and there was great emphasis on glorifying them. This led to the collection of Icelandic folk stories which had until then been passed between people orally. They had become an important part of the Icelanders' cultural identity and became part of Iceland's campaign for independence.

Read this blog about:

**Elves, Trolls and Monsters**

<https://www.icelandtravel.is/blog/elves-trolls-monsters-iceland/>

Watch these videos about:

**Álfar og huldufólk - Iceland's elves, a force to be reckoned with**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWFX0G\\_IW\\_I&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWFX0G_IW_I&feature=player_embedded)

**Huldufolk The Hidden People- Megan Mills**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FgU85JvKhE>

## LET'S START

1. How would we define folklore in Spain?
2. How would we define folklore in Portugal?
3. How would we define folklore in Itali?
4. How would we define folklore in Iceland?
5. Are any of your definitions you have seen that are similar to each other? Do some of the countries have something?

Watch these videos about:

**Myths, Folklore & Legends: We Still Need Our Fairy Tales | Heidi Shamsuddin | TEDxUniversityofMalaya**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HIBwSYjUPI>

**Folklore doesn't meme what you think it memes | Lynne McNeill | TEDxUSU**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBDJ2UJpKt4>

**Debunking viral rumors – A story of modern folklore | Jack Werner | TEDxStockholm**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbXI0hdvILs>

**The Mythic Imagination | Sharon Blackie | TEDxStormontSalon**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5-b2\\_qRM8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5-b2_qRM8)

1. Do you have a favorite fairytale?
2. Why do we still need fairytales?
3. Do you know what a modern folklore is?
4. Have you hear about fake news - cyber propaganda and have you searched for a definition of it on the internet?
5. Public publishing will it make a better world?

**Make a remix of one of Ásgríms painting – put it in your environment.**

**(Each country chooses their favorite 6 pictures and sends them to [smm@fb.is](mailto:smm@fb.is) - as a PDF file A3 format, 300 dpi.)**

Ásgrímur Jónsson (1876 – 1958) was the first Icelandic painter to make painting as his main job. During all his career he worked equally at pictures of landscapes and folk tales. He was the first Icelandic artist to be inspired by the national heritage of folk tales and he was particularly effective in that field. Fourteen years before Ásgrímur's birth the first volume of the folk tales of Jón Árnason, Íslenskar þjóðsögur og æfintýri, was published, so he was well acquainted with them from an early age. (<http://www listasafn.is/english/associated-collections/asgrimur-jonsson-collection/folklore/>)

**Re-invented / Remix / Recreate** one of Ásgríms painting – put it in your environment. Free choice of technique, draw, paint, make a collage, computer drawing or what comes to your mind. This can be made in groups or individually.



Mjaðveig Mánadóttir



Troll at Hellisheiði – throwing stones (construct Vestmanneyjar)



Elves on a trip (at cliffs) to Church



Elves in Tungustapa



The Deacon of Myrká



The night troll



**Búkolla**