Write Your Own Tall Tale!

Use EXAGGERATION and HYPERBOLE!

1) First, choose a tall tale hero.

2) Second, describe your hero. Be sure to exaggerate your hero's characteristics. Make him or her bigger or stronger or faster or smarter than anyone else!

3) Third, think of an adventure for your tall tale hero. Remember the main events in your tall tale can't be something that would happen in real life.

Brainstorm Space

Characters (a hero and one other)

Setting

Problem

How the problem is solved (has to be resolved in a funny way)

Hyperbole (must include at least 2 underlined examples)

Remember: A hyperbole is an extreme and oftentimes ridiculous exaggeration.
Tall Tale:

______________________ was the _____________________________ man/woman in
(name of hero) (superlative adjective)

the state of ____________________. Everyone for________________ miles around
(state’s name) (number of miles)

knew ______________ and loved to tell and retell stories of his/her amazing feats.
(heros name)

Now one day __________ went to visit __________________. __________________
(heros name) (2nd character’s name) (2nd character’s name)

had been having big problems with

____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________

(explain the 2nd character’s problem)

__________________ explained his/her problem. That was all it took.
(2nd character’s name)

Right away,

____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________

(Describe how your hero solved the 2nd character’s problem)

__________________ problem was solved, and the folks in _____________
(2nd character’s name) (state)

now had a new tale to tell about _________________________.
(heros name)
Create Your Own Tall Tale Rubric

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