

In this activity, we are thinking about the following object(s): Tortoise 176







Stories about animals are popular for children now, just like they were probably common in ancient Greece: we can guess this because lots of children's toys in ancient Greece were made in the shape of animals, like the tortoise figurine you can see here.

Aesop was a storyteller that lived in ancient Greece around 2600 years ago. He liked to tell stories about animals. Now, we call his stories 'Aesop's Fables'.

Fables are short stories that teach us moral* lessons. They are usually about animals.

Read Aesop's fable about 'The Hare and the Tortoise', because we are thinking about the tortoise figurine in this activity.

As you are reading the story, think about these questions:

-  Do you like stories about animals? Why?
-  Why do you think people like stories about animals, now and in ancient Greece?
-  Which is your favourite animal in the story, the hare or the tortoise? Why?
-  What do you think the story of 'The Hare and the Tortoise' is trying to teach us?

*Task: If you are not sure what 'moral' means, use a dictionary to look it up. What does it mean?

What is your favourite part of the 'The Hare and the Tortoise' story?
Can you draw it here:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for a student to draw their favorite part of the story.