

Johnny Appleseed

Tall tales don't always tell the truth! See if you can separate fact from fiction: read the tall tale of Johnny Appleseed below, then list parts of the story that could be true and the parts that probably aren't in the chart on the right.



He wore clothes made of rags and feed sacks, and he often wore a cooking pot on his head! He became a recognizable figure across the American west. No one knew him very well, but families recognized him by his unique appearance. When children saw him coming, they begged their mothers to let them go outside to meet him. After 200 years, some of the trees he planted are still standing and growing apples!

Johnny Appleseed was born John Chapman in 1774. He roamed the Western frontiers, planting apple trees across the country so that families settling in the lonely West would always have food to eat. His life's goal was to spread knowledge of farming and conservation. He recognized the importance of growing plants and farming, especially in the early days of the American west when transportation was not yet up and running, and food could not be shipped across the country the way it is today.



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