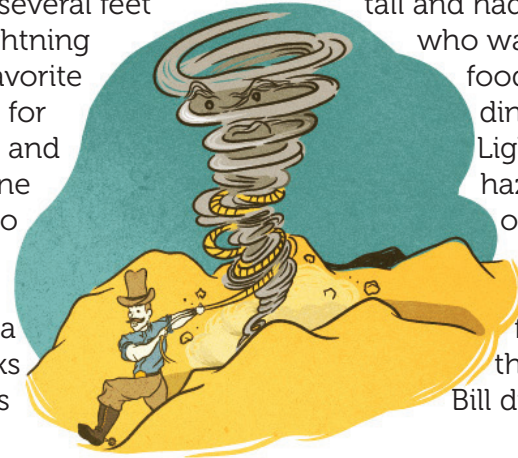




Pecos Bill

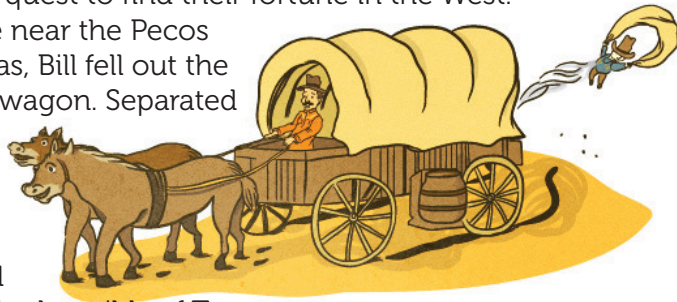
When he grew older, he became an extraordinary man! He was several feet tall and had a horse named Lightning who was just as fantastic. Lightning's favorite food was dynamite, which he ate for dinner every night! Together, Bill and Lightning tamed the Wild West. One hazy afternoon, he saw a tornado on the horizon. He grabbed his trusty lasso and wrangled it into submission – but it put up a fight first! The Grand Canyon marks the path the tornado took as Pecos Bill dragged it behind him.



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

It's said that when Pecos Bill was just a baby, he was traveling with family across the country in a covered wagon, the way many people did on their quest to find their fortune in the West.

Somewhere near the Pecos River in Texas, Bill fell out the back of the wagon. Separated from his parents, he spent his childhood being raised by coyotes in the wilds of Texas.



Old Bill had a woman named Slue Foot Sue, who was just as tall as him and ten times as pretty. He was determined to marry her, and one night, while trying to impress her, he shot out the stars, leaving only one for her to marvel at – the Lone Star of Texas.



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