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A **trickster tale** is a comical story that involves some sort of trickery and teaches a moral or lesson about life. The story “The Emperor’s New Clothes” teaches us the moral not to be pressured into going along with something you know is not right.

Please follow the steps below:

1. Working with a partner, select a myth or tale. You MUST sign up with me to reserve that story as there can be no repeats.
2. Read and summarize your tale. Prepare a “report” page with the following information:

* Story title
* Native American Tribe
* Summary of story
* Tell which element of Native American Literature is being discussed in the story. (If you pick a trickster tale, be sure to include the moral.)
* Remember, double space and use size 12 font. You pick the style!

1. Create a colorful, creative, and neat drawing that reflects an important aspect of your story. The illustration should reflect effort and careful consideration.
2. Mount both sheets on your construction paper poster. Be prepared to present your story to the class.

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