

URBAN LEGENDS

Everyone loves a good scary story. That's why urban legends are so popular. Urban legends are modern fictional tales that people tell each other. They tell these stories as if they were true even though they are false. Once the story passes along, it became very popular. Let's look at some popular urban legends.

Alligators in the sewers

A rumor went around New York city that people were flushing their pet baby alligators down the toilet. According to the legend, the pets survived in the sewage system and went on to attack men working underground.



Bloody Mary

Another popular story is that if you look in the mirror and say "Bloody Mary" three times, a woman's ghost will materialize in the glass. Some versions say that the face of a future spouse will appear. This is based on the sad story of Queen Mary who was beheaded by her husband King Henry VIII.

Frozen Disney

Another rumor formed after entertainment giant Walt Disney died in 1966. People said that Disney had had his body cryogenically frozen to be revived at another time. Not true, folks.

The Chupacabra

A story goes around Latin American countries of a strange being called a "Chupacabra" (goat-sucker). It is said that this creature supposedly attacks farm animals by biting them and sucking out all their blood. Nice story, but ...

Urban legends can be fun and give us goosebumps. Great for telling around the campfire with some friends and not much else.

Click True or False

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| 1. Lots of people like to tell urban legends. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. The New York City Zoo released animals into the sewers. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. There are wild alligators in New York City. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. Bloody Mary can supposedly show a man his future wife. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. The body of Walt Disney has been frozen. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. Farm animals can attack the "chupacabra." | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. Urban legends are entertaining but not informative. | TRUE | FALSE |