

EXPLORING NORTH SUMATRA LEGENDS: AN INTERACTIVE E-WORKSHEET

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Learning Objectives



1. To enable students to understand, analyse and create simple narrative stories
2. understanding of social functions (entertainment, moral lessons), text structure (orientation, complication, resolution), linguistic elements (such as the simple past tense)
3. capable of retelling or composing contextually appropriate and coherent narrative texts.

Warm up activity



Take a look at the picture on the side!
Do you know this place ?
This place is

Do you know any legends from North Sumatra? If you do, please write them down below!

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Learning Materials

Narrative text is a type of text in English (or a genre of story in Indonesian) that aims to entertain readers through a sequence of interconnected events.

Generic Structure

1. Orientation: Introduction of characters, time, and place of events (Who, When, Where).
2. Complication: The emergence of problems or conflicts faced by the main character.
3. Resolution: Resolution of problems, whether ending happily (happy ending) or sadly (sad ending).
4. Re-orientation (Optional): Moral message or change in the character's condition at the end of the story.

Language Features

1. Use of Past Tense: Because it describes past events (e.g., killed, drank, went).
2. Adverbs of Time: Time expressions such as Once upon a time, One day, Long ago.
3. Conjunctions: Time connecting words such as then, suddenly, finally.
4. Action Verbs: Verbs that indicate action (Examples: walked, ran, bought).

Types of Narrative Text

1. Fable: Stories about animals that behave like humans (example: The Mouse Deer and the Crocodile).
2. Myth: Stories that have developed in society and are considered to have actually happened (example: Nyi Roro Kidul).
3. Legend: Folk tales about the origins of a place (example: Lake Toba).
4. Fairy Tales: Magical stories or tales full of wonder (example: Cinderella).
5. Folktale: Folk tales passed down from generation to generation (example: Malin Kundang).



The Legend of Batu Gantung

The legend of Batu Gantung tells the story of a beautiful young woman named Seruni from Parapat, who was deeply in love with a young man but was forced by her father to marry her cousin. Overwhelmed by despair, she fled to the edge of a steep cliff near Lake Toba with her loyal dog, Toki. Tragically, she fell into a deep, dark hole. As the stone walls crushed her, she cried out "Parapat!" meaning "come closer", eventually turning into a hanging rock. This story highlights themes of despair, loyalty, and the tragic impact of forced decisions.



Please click on the audio on the left to listen to an explanation of the legend of Lake Toba.

Check Your Vocabulary

Beautiful :

Desperate :

Fled :

Cliff :

Loyal :

Hole :

Trap :

Rock :

Hang :

Shout :

Arrange :

Marriage :

Sorrow :

Cousin :

Weeping :

Tears :

Regret :

Crush :

Escape :

Tragic :

Legend :



Analysis Task

Orientation

Resolution

Complication

Re-orientation

Today, the rock is known as "Batu Gantung" or the Hanging Rock, and the town near it is named Parapat. This tragic legend reminds us of the devastating effects of forcing one's will upon others.

What is the text structure in the paragraph above?

In her deep sorrow, Seruni slipped and fell into a dark, narrow hole in the cliff. The stone walls began to close in on her. Helpless, she shouted "Parapat! Parapat!" which means "squeeze" or "come closer". Slowly, her body turned into a rock hanging from the cliff.

What is the text structure in the paragraph above?

Long ago, in a beautiful village near Lake Toba, lived a lovely girl named Seruni. She was a cheerful girl who loved to spend her time with her loyal dog, Toki. Seruni was secretly in love with a young man from her village.

What is the text structure in the paragraph above?

One day, Seruni's parents told her that they had arranged for her to marry her cousin, a man she did not love. Heartbroken and desperate, Seruni ran away from home to the edge of a high cliff, accompanied only by her dog.

What is the text structure in the paragraph above?



Comprehension

1. Who is the main character in the legend of Batu Gantung, described as a lovely girl from a village near Lake Toba?

2. Why did Seruni run away from her home to the edge of a high cliff?

3. In the structure of narrative text, the part that introduces Seruni, her loyal dog Toki, and her village is called.....

4. What word did Seruni shout when she was trapped inside the dark hole?

5. The part of the story that tells how Seruni turned into a hanging rock after falling into a hole is called...

6. According to the legend, what is the name of the town that was derived from Seruni's final shout?

What would you do if you were Seruni?

Write your opinion below!

