Title: Folklore: What It Is and What It Isn’t

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Image: Children playing jump rope.

**Narrator:** Listen to this…

**Child:** Teddy bear teddy bear turn around. Teddy bear teddy bear touch the ground. Teddy bear teddy bear tie your shoe. Teddy bear teddy bear that will do!

**Narrator:** Sound familiar? If so, then you remember a simple, fun childhood game of jump rope and the silly songs that went along with it.

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**Title:** Hand Clapping Songs

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Image: two girls playing a hand clapping game.

**Narrator:** How about this?

**Child:** Patty cake patty cake bakers man, bake me a cake as fast as you can. Roll it, pat it mark it with a B; put it in the oven for baby and me!

**Narrator:** Clapping songs have also been a staple of childhood that many of us have experienced. Both of these are wonderful examples of folklore handed down from generation to generation.

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**Title:** Defining Folklore

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Image: Woman looking out her window at a castle.

**Narrator:** But what else constitutes folklore? According to Goforth and Spillman (1994), “the term folklore is a reflection of the people: their manners, customs, observances, superstitions, ballads, tales and proverbs. It not only encompasses traditional materials presented in words, but also traditional tools, physical objects, symbols, beliefs, and rituals. Folk literature too is a window through which people in today’s world may view cultures from long ago” (p. 3).

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**Title:** Come and Explore

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Image: Collage of a city, castle, person walking down a trail, old woodcut art piece, Santa Clause with children, and little boy and girl dressed up as a prince and princess.

**Narrator:** Throughout this course we will be exploring the many aspects of folklore, through our own personal experiences of long-held family traditions, to the ones common to our culture and community.

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