



Writing About the Moon

Writing helps kids process and solidify new knowledge and gives them an opportunity to use new vocabulary and concepts. Offer one or more of these prompts or questions to get your Space Rangers writing.

Spin a tall tale

Tall Tales feature a larger-than-life, or superhuman, main character who solves a problem in a funny and fantastical way.

Ask kids: have you read any Tall Tales or know any Tall Tale characters? How about Paul Bunyan, huge lumberjack who eats 50 pancakes in one minute and dug the grand canyon with his axe.

You might want to read a Tall Tale so kids can become familiar with that kind of story. Here are a few we recommend:

- *Paul Bunyan* by Steven Kellogg
- *Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett* by Steven Kellogg
- *American Tall Tales* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *John Henry* by Julius Lester
- *Swamp Angel* by Anne Isaacs

In this writing activity, kids will spin a tall tale about a conquering hero or heroine on a new frontier — the Moon! Even though a tall tale isn't true, the story should be told as if your hero's adventures really happened. Remember what you have learned about the Moon so you'll have some interesting facts to exaggerate!

Option: Kids can develop their Tall Tale as a comic strip.