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Editor’s Note: The term “folklore” was coined in 1846 to refer to the ballads, folktales and customs of the rural past. Nowadays “folklore” is taken to refer to the everyday culture and cultural traditions of all social groups - young as well as old, urban as well as rural, ourselves as well as others. — Folklore Society, University College, London

Folklore Resources

Eastern European Folklore and Customs — Excerpts from several books about folklore, mythology, and folk tales. — http://www.tcwweb.org/folklore.html

The Encyclopedia Mythica — An encyclopedia of mythology, folklore, and legend where you can look through the encyclopedia and read its articles. — http://www.wapedia.org/mythica/

American Folklife Center — Find information about the site, browse through the archives, view publications and recordings, and read about upcoming events. — http://tcweb.loc.gov/folklife/

The Folklore Society — Information about the society, membership, officers, and committee. — http://www.lisarlik.demon.co.uk/fls.html

Folklore: Mythology, Folktales, and Creation Stories of Native Americans — Explanations of the origins of tribal members and where they live. — http://www.lisarlik.demon.co.uk/myth.html

Folklore — Three basic categories of folklore and examples of these. — http://virtual.park.ua.edu/~elandan/folklore.html

Scottish Culture: Legends, Folklore, and Religion — A list of books focused on legends and fairy tales plus a listing of festivals and celebrations. — http://www.tartans.com/legend.html

Folklore: Irish/Celtic Seasonal Celebrations — Articles about ancient tales, monastic tales, seasonal celebrations, and links to other sites. — http://www.nclf.carleton.ca/~bj333/folklore.html

Celtic Folklore — Read about the folklore, myths, legends and folktales of the Celtic countries. — http://www.belinus.co.uk/folklore/Homeextra.html

UFO Folklore — This is a site where you can read about abductions, sightings, crop circles and more. — http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/frameset.html

Folklore, Myth, and Legend — Read several articles about fables, fairy tales, and different versions of popular children’s books. — http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/storfolk.html

Folklore — Read articles by Dubh Sidhe on folklore, legend, myth, tall tales, etc. and see how history and family lore relate to folklore. — http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/storfolk.html

Summer Solstice — An article about ancient civilizations and the way in which they measured the seasons. — http://www.celestialia.com/SPR/MJ96/SummerSolstice.html

Folklore and Mythology: Electronic Texts — An alphabetical listing of collected legends plus links to other folk and fairy tales and Germanic legends. — http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktexts.html

Russian Folklore Links — Links to several sites on the Web dealing with Russian Folklore. — http://bama.ua.edu/~adroz/rus252/folklorerlinks.html

Stories, Folklore, and Fairy Tales Theme Page — Links relating to stories, folklore, and fairy tales with two types of resources: curricular resources for students and instructional materials for teachers. — http://www.clr.org/themes/fairytales.html

Family Folklore: How to Collect Your Own Family Folklore — Guidelines for getting started, interviews, presentations, and more. — http://educate.siu.edu/migrations/seek2/family.html

The Tree Leaves Folk Fellowship — Find information about ecology, folklife, folkways, events, folk art, etc. — http://www.treelife.com/index.html

Index of Trees and Tree Lore — A list of trees and their folklore, histories, medicinal values, and descriptions. — http://www.treelife.com/trees/index.html

Solar Folklore — Learn the significance of the sun to North America, Australian Aboriginals, Mesopotamia, Judeo Christians, and others. — http://solarcenter.stanford.edu/folklore/folklore.html

Folk Festivals in the United States and Canada — A directory of festival dates listed by state and province. — http://oeeonline.com/folk_fests/

Folk Resources as Found in Literature

Fables — This site will allow you to visit the Town Crier to hear the latest happenings, read some new stories in the Great Hall, take a stroll through the Archives, enjoy the art in the Gallery, and more. — http://www.fables.org/

Fairy Tales: Origins and Evolution — A site providing the background and evolution of fairy tales, a bibliography, and links to more fairy tale resources on the web. — http://www.darkgoddess.com/fairy/

Arthurian Resources — Here you can find links to the history of Arthur, Arthurian literature, and Arthurian folklore. — http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~tomgreen/Arthuriana.html

Folk Art

The Folk Art Gallery — Take a look at a large variety of folk art from around the world. There are masks, textiles, ritual artifacts, pottery, and other items of interest. — http://www.thefolkartgallery.com

Folk Art Society of America — Information about the society, membership, and upcoming events. — http://www.folkart.org/

Folk Music

Folk Music of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales & America — Here you can find the songs of Wastrels, Rascals, and Criminals on topics such as love, war and the sea. — http://www.contemplator.com/wastrel.html

Folk Music and Carolan — A site where you can hear and purchase some interesting folk music in the forms of songbooks or albums. — http://www.contemplator.com/rccenter.html

The Mudcat Cafe — Look through or download your own copy of The Digital Tradition Folksong Database. — http://www.mudcat.org

Folk Dance Association — Information about the Folk Dance Association, several types of folk dance, and the Folk Dance Directory, a directory for scheduling dance sessions and classes. — http://www.folkdance.org/home.html

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Maria Brazil — View and listen to dances, festivals, music, people, and arts & crafts. — http://www.mariabrazil.org/page2.html

Smithsonian Folkways Recordings — Search through the 35,000 track database of music. — http://web2.si.edu/folkways/

UCLA Folklore and Mythology Archives — Look through the Dance & Performance Archive, the Folk Song & Music Archives and much more. — http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/folklore/content/


Folk Medicine

Folk Medicine in Hispanics in the Southwestern United States — Learn the history and applications of folk medicine, identify illnesses, and incorporate it into treatment. — http://www.sbp.hcm.tmc.edu/HispanicHealth/Courses/mod7/mod7.html

UCLA Folk Medicine Archive — Read about the UCLA Folklore Archive Resource and search their database for specific plants and their uses. — http://www2.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/folkmed/


Gypsy Folk Medicine — A large list of cures for things such as warts, freckles, insomnia, nervousness, and headaches along with a few cleansing remedies. — http://www.cam.org/~jenoby/gypsy.html

Holy Wells Web — Learn what a holy well is and read information about Wiltshire’s ancient holy wells. Also, find out about other wells listed on the Web. — http://www.bath.ac.uk/~iskmp/holywell.html

Folk Magic in Britain 1200-2000 — A site regarding unusual objects found such as charms, witch bottles, and written curses. Also, the researchers are trying to learn about witchcraft between the years 1200-2000. — http://www.folkmagic.co.uk/


Ghost-Lore

The Gazetteer — Click on the separate regions of Britain to read ghost stories and learn about ghosts in each area. — http://freespace.virgin.net martin.lightburn/country/count.html

This Spectred Isle — Read about the supernatural and about ghosts of England, Scotland, and Wales. — http://freespace.virgin.net/martin.lightburn/ghost.html

Hollywood Hauntings — Read about ghosts that have haunted stars and ghosts that were stars during their lifetime. — http://gothic.vei.net/hollywood/


Southern Ghost Stories — A large number of stories about Southern ghosts and haunted places. — http://www.haunts.com/

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