

The story of the Tortoise and the Hare: History, Author and iconic Illustrator

1. Do you know who was the author of “The Tortoise and the Hare” fable?

An [ancient Greek](#) storyteller named [Aesop](#) wrote the tale of [the Tortoise and the Hare](#).

Aesop resided in Ancient Greece between 620 and 564 BCE.

Many versions of the original story have been created by different people all over the world.

2. Do you know about the Perry Index?

Aesop’s stories are organized in the [Perry Index](#).

*The Perry index was created by professor [Ben Edwin Perry](#) (1892–1968) in his work *Aesopica* (1952).*

He sorted stories by language (Greek, followed by Latin) and then by chronologically based on the earliest known source, and finally by alphabetical order.

3. Do you know about Eric Carle?

[Eric Carle](#) was famous for creating storybooks that featured not only a story as text but also interesting illustrations.

Eric Carle is among those who brought Aesop’s fable to life.

*In 1980, he released *Twelve Tales from Aesop*, which he both retold and illustrated.*

Carle’s retelling is characterized by his signature colorful collage-style artwork, which brought new visuals to these classic stories.

4. Do you know about Jean Grandville?

[Jean Grandville](#) was a French cartoonist and well known for his anthropomorphic drawings and cartoons.

He portrayed and drew animals that behaved, talked, and expressed emotions like humans.

In his adaptation of the story of “The Tortoise and the Hare,” Grandville portrayed a tortoise walking and running on two legs.

5. Have you heard about Walt Disney’s cartoon version of the story of “The Tortoise and the Hare”?

Walt Disney produced an animated short film based on the story of the tortoise and the hare for his [Silly Symphonies](#) series

6. What is the moral of *The Tortoise and the Hare* story?

The Tortoise and the hare teaches us the lesson that slow and steady work can lead to success.

It does not guarantee that fast or strong work leads to success.

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