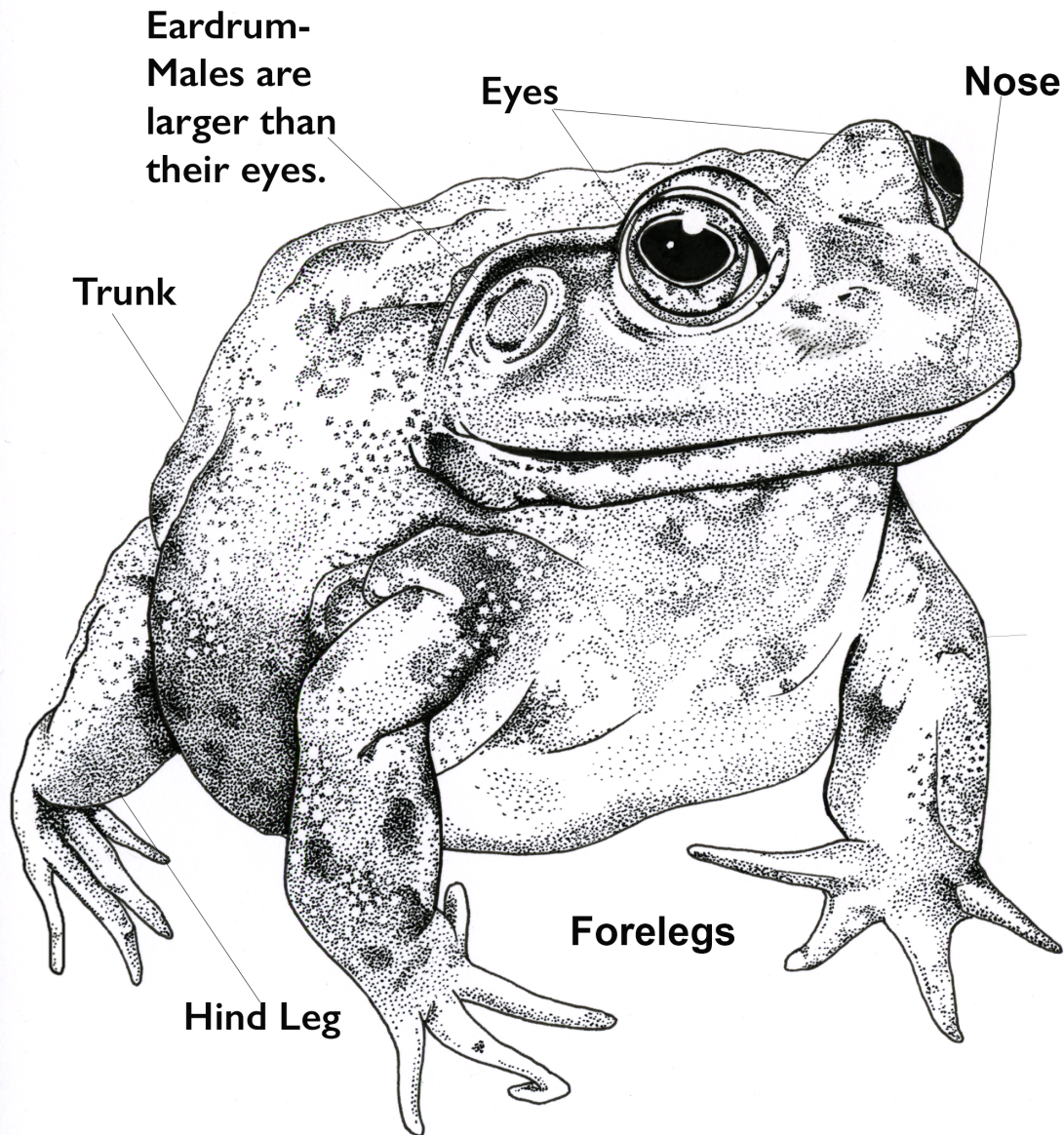


All About Frogs



Boy or Girl?

Look at photos of frogs to decide if it's a boy or girl. For boys, the eardrums are larger than their eyes.

How Far Can Bullfrogs Jump?

The annual Jumping Frog Jubilee, held in Calaveras County, California, answers the question of how far a bullfrog can jump. The world triple-jump record is held by Rosie the Ribeter with a triple jump of 21 feet 5 and 3/4 inches, set in May, 1986.

This should be an easy question to answer. But scientists found it hard. Read *ROSIE THE RIBETER: The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County* to find out why this question was so difficult for scientists.



Color the bullfrog. Draw a creek for him to live in.



Mark Twain, American Author

In January 1865, Samuel Langhorne Clemens (November 30, 1835 – April 21, 1910) was in California working as a miner. After two weeks of rain, he and his roommate decided to visit nearby Angels Camp in Calaveras County. For fun, the townspeople told tall tales. A tall tale is an exaggerated story that includes made up details. Samuel wrote down the stories, including one about a frog named Dan'l Webster who could outjump any other frog. On November 18, New York's *The Saturday Press* published the story as "Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog." For this humorous tall tale, Samuel used his pen name, Mark Twain. Later reprints titled the story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

The story inspired the Jumping Frog Jubilee® jumping contest. It's been held in Angels Camp, Calaveras County since 1893, as part of the 39th District Agricultural Association county fair.

Over his long career, Twain wrote about the American culture of his times. Famous books by Mark Twain include *Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

READ THE STORY

Mark Twain's story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" is a public domain story which means you can easily find the full text online. Read the story together and answer these questions.

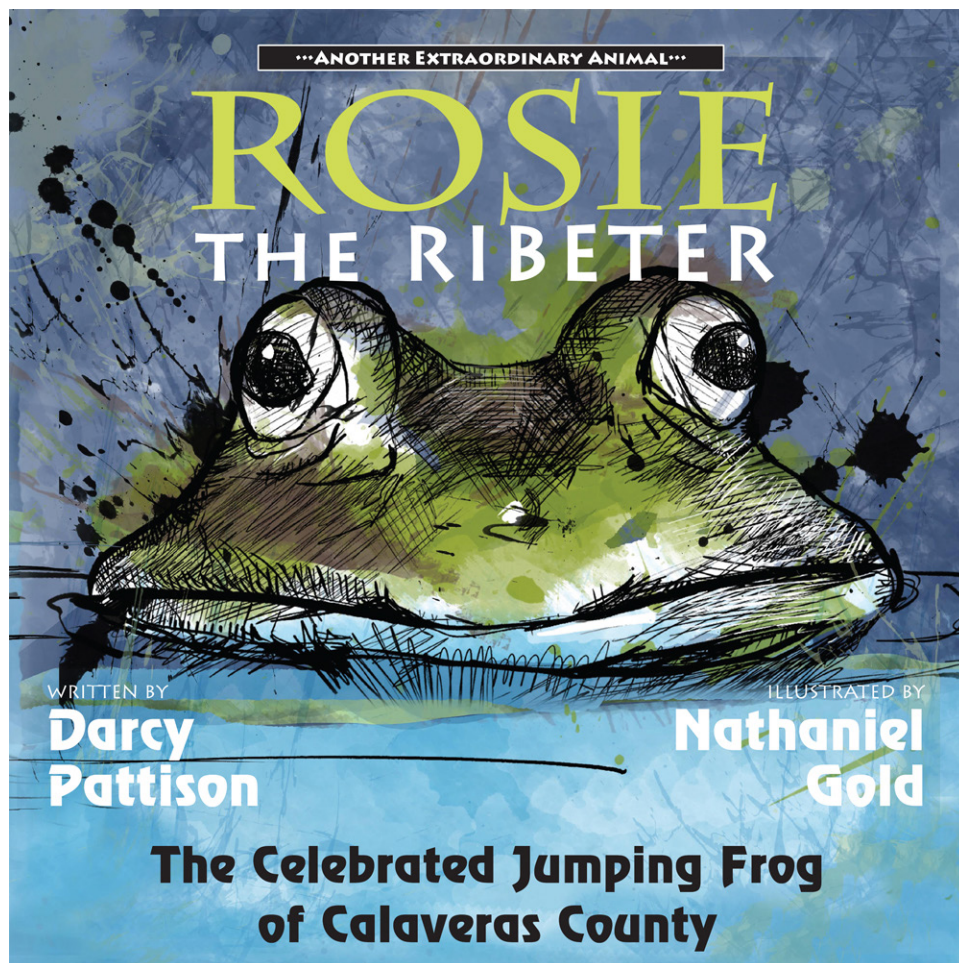
- 1) What is a tall tale?
- 2) What makes this story funny? Talk about the use of dialect in this story.
- 3) Why do you think this story has been popular for many years?

Frog or Toad?

Sometimes frogs and toads are confused with each other. Here are the basic differences between them. Look at some photos and divide them into frog or toad categories.

Frog	Toad
Long legs, made for hopping	Shorter legs, made for crawling
Smooth skin covered with mucus	Rough, thick skin
Eggs in a cluster	Eggs in a chain
Lives in water	Lives on land
Round, bulging eyes	Football shaped eyes, not bulging

Read more about Rosie, the female bullfrog that set the world record for triple-jump in May, 1986. Her record still stands and hasn't been broken.



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