Fable: A very short story in which birds, insects, and animals talk and act like humans. Its purpose is to communicate a moral, to teach good behavior, and to show the hurtful side of vice [bad behavior].

<u>Approaches to Literature</u>. D.W.S. Ryan and T.P. Rossiter, eds. St. John's, Newfoundland: Jesperson Press, 1987

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