

Title: Wolves in Fiction vs. Wolves in Reality: Debunking the Myth of the Evil Wolf

Description:

Imagine a world where wolves are the villains, lurking in the shadows, always ready to pounce on innocent characters. This is a common theme in many stories and fairy tales, where wolves are portrayed as menacing creatures. But is this portrayal accurate? In this talk, I explore the fascinating world of wolves, both in fiction and in reality, to debunk the myth that they are evil creatures. We'll see that wolves have been unfairly stigmatized in literature and media, and by comparing their fictional portrayals to real-life wolf behavior, we'll learn that these majestic animals are an important part of our ecosystem and deserve our respect and understanding.

I also talk about my wolf Hunter, who is also my writing meme and appears in several of my stories.

Audience: Suitable for all ages, though focused on kids in grades 3 and 4
The talk works well for large or small groups with time for Q/A.

Goals:

- ☐ to educate kids on wolves and their place in our ecosystem
- ☐ to show kids that wolves aren't the evil creatures usually depicted in their fiction
- ☐ to educate kids on wolf behavior

Time: 30 minutes + QA

Can be 45 minutes + QA if some video game examples are added