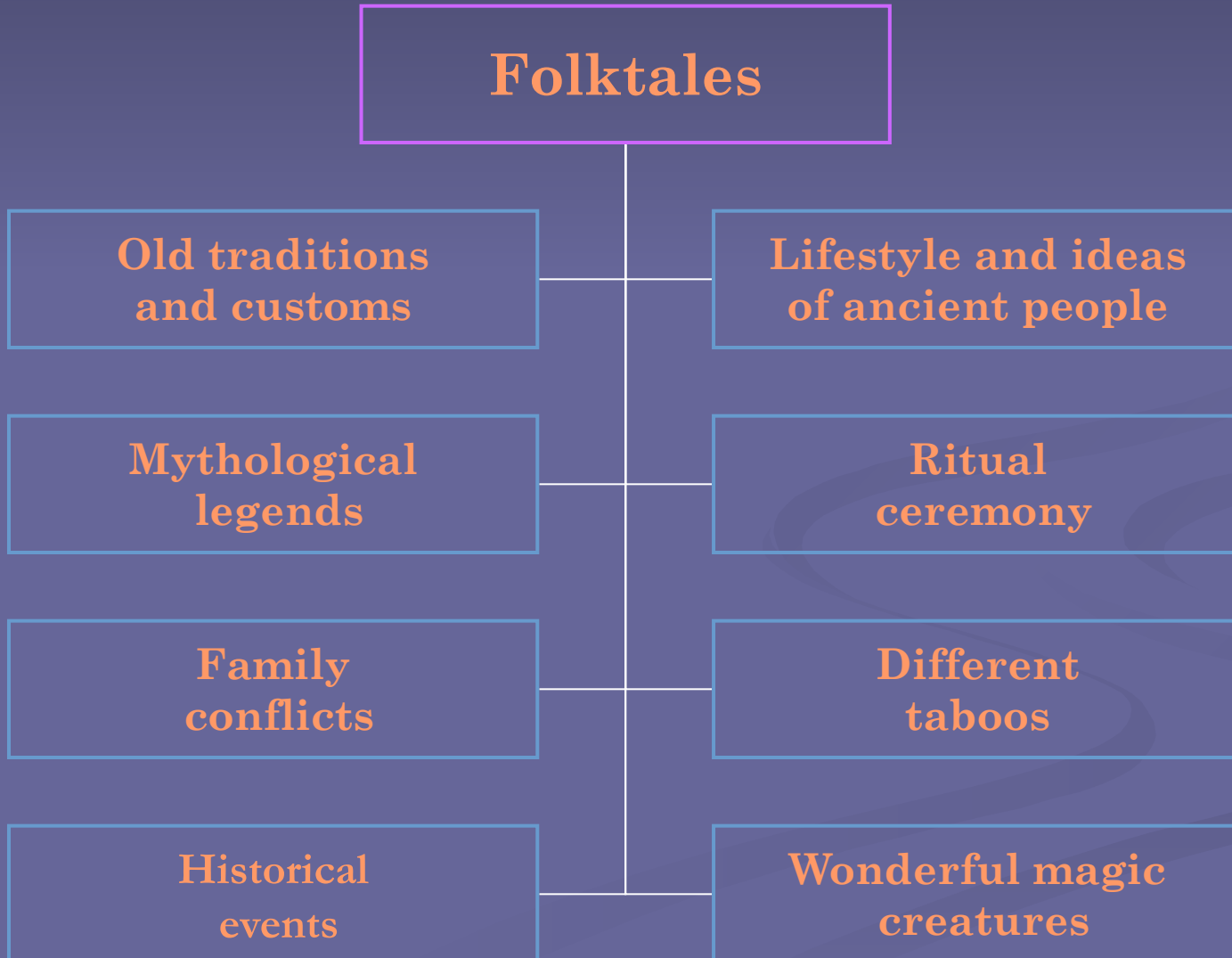


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**Mysterious creatures in the  
folktales of the British Isles**

Fairy-tales are the most mysterious and the oldest genre in literature.



# Classification of mysterious creatures in the British fairy-tales





*The brownie*

*The mysterious  
dragon*



*The boy and the  
spirit*

# Fairies are widely spread in all British fairy-tales



*A forest fairy and elves*



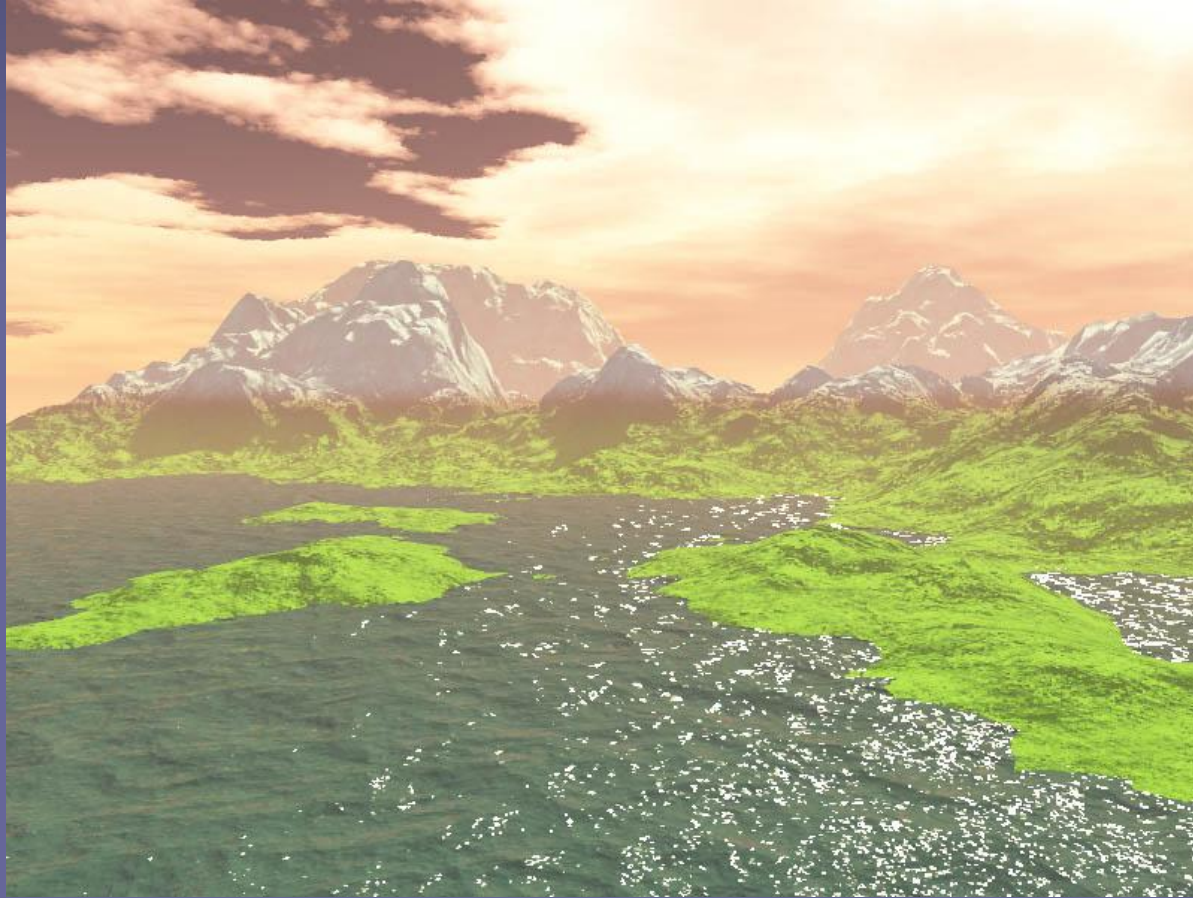
*The beautiful fairy*



*Fairies in Shakespeare's works*



English “fairy” was borrowed from Old French *faerie* - “land of the *faie*, *enchantment*”



*The Fairyland*

Did fairies really exist? And how did they look like?

The strongest belief into fairies is on the British Isles.

### Sources of beliefs

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## Essential information about fairies in British legends

Many fairies like to confuse  
travelers on the path

Fairies often steal  
human babies

They are afraid of cold iron,  
church bells and a cock's cry

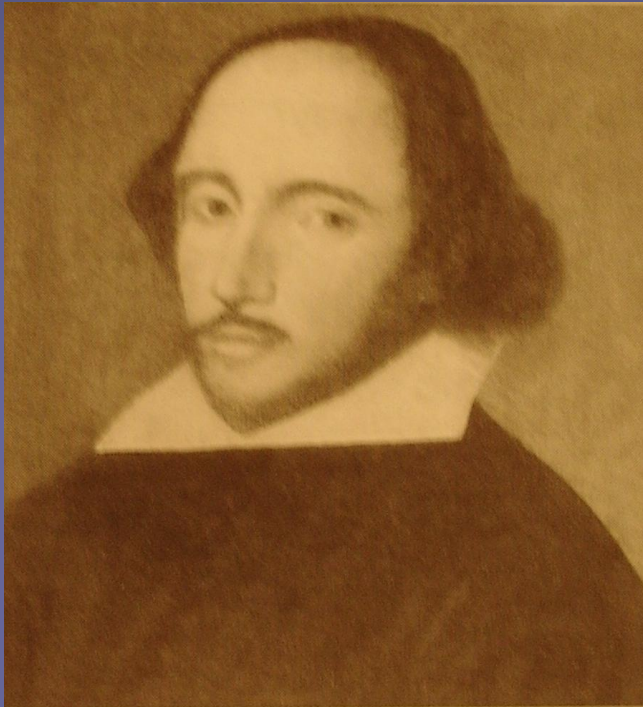
Rowan trees are a protection  
against fairies

Certain locations, known  
to be haunts of fairies, are to  
be avoided

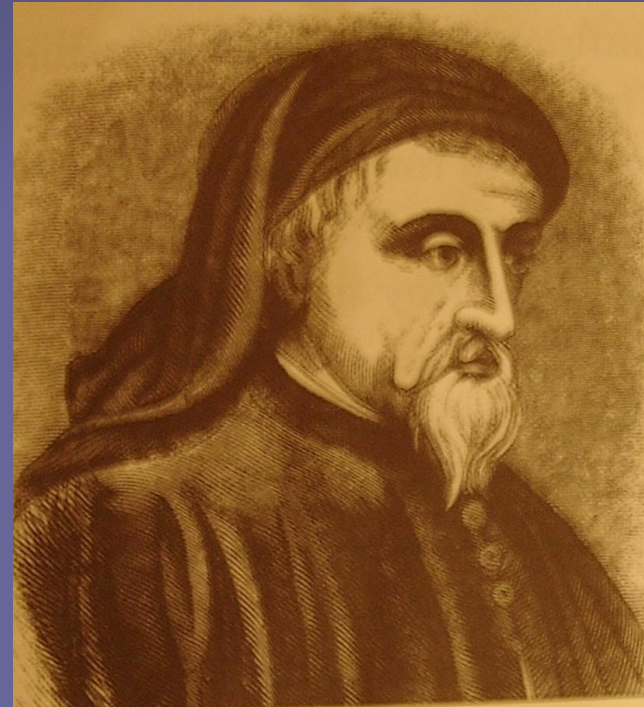
Fairy trees such as thorn  
trees  
are dangerous to chop down



Fairies in literature took on new life in  
romanticism



**WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**  
(1564–1616)



**GEOFFREY CHAUCER**  
(1340–1400)

# Fairies in popular culture and modern life

Some of the most well-known fairies were popularized  
by Disney

*Tinkerbelle*

*A lovely maiden with azure hair”*

*The fairy world*

“Peter Pan”

“Pinocchio”

“Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell

J. M. Barrie

Carlo Collodi

Susanna Clarke

# Legendary creatures are thought to exist even today

Big foot,  
Yeti



“Fairy-tale’s  
giants”

The Loch-Ness  
Monster



“Fairy-tale’s  
dragons”

Poltergeist



“Fairy-tale’s  
spirits and  
ghosts”

# Conclusion

**Thus we are making a conclusion that :**

- ❖ The otherworldly beings that appear in folk-tales and in medieval legends are a varied lot.
- ❖ There are several categories of fairies that have their own identity.
- ❖ The fairy tradition in literature begins in the 1380s with Chaucer and Shakespeare.
- ❖ People's evidence of otherworldly beings' existence in a present-day life.

**Be careful:**

**mysterious creatures**

**are around you!**