

## **Kwanzaa\***

### ***The Seven Principles in Folktales***

Here are some stories I've chosen or adapted for use in discussing the seven principles with children.

**UMOJA - Unity** - *Anansi and his Sons*

**KUJICHAGULIA - Self-Determination** - *The Three Tests*

**UJIMA - Collective Work and Responsibility** - *The Great Drum*

**UJAMAA - Cooperative Economics** - *The Feast*

**NIA - Purpose** - *The Name of the Tree*

**KUUMBA - Creativity** - *Anansi Writes a Song*

**IMANI - Faith** - *Damon and Pythias* (While not an African Folktale has always been one of my favorite stories and it demonstrates the principle very well.)

To view/print sheet music of my Kwanza Song, [click here](#)

To hear an MP3 file of my Kwanza Song, [click here](#)

\*The word “**Kwanza**” refers to the first fruits of harvest. Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga and members of his organization held the first Kwanza Celebration in the mid sixties. There were seven children in the group. They decided to change the spelling to Kwanzaa to give each child a special place in the ceremony. So if there is an official spelling it would be Kwanzaa.