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MODERN WISDOM: URBAN LEGENDS

DIRECTIONS: Using information from the reading, answer the following questions.

1. Describe one of the urban legends mentioned in the article. What lesson or warning is conveyed in this legend?

2. What characteristics do urban legends have in common? Why are these stories difficult to disprove?

3. What effect has the Internet had on the spreading of urban legends.

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4. Are urban legends ever based on a true event? Cite an example from the article of an urban legend based on a truthful event.

USE YOUR SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION: How should the government respond to the spread of urban legends, some of which have had a negative effect on travel and business? Is there any way to stop the spread of these stories?

TOPIC FOR RESEARCH: Find a book of myths or fables, such as *Aesop's Fables*. Read one of these fables and describe the moral lesson presented in the story.
