

## Why the 'Gator is Black and How the Possum Lost the Hair on Its Tail.

What if you got taken advantage of while you were sleeping? This is what happened in the stories "Why the 'Gator Is Black" and "How the Possum Lost the Hair on Its Tail." These stories are similar because they both talk about how animals came to be. Also, the possum and the 'Gator fell asleep before or during the trouble. "So he seen de possum stretched out sleeping wid his tail all spread 'round. So Ham slipped up and shaved de possum's tail and made de strings for his banjo out of de hairs." Lastly, someone made them the way they are now, they didn't do it on there own accord. Those are some reasons why these stories are similar.

Here are some reasons why "Why the 'Gator Is Black" and "How the Possum Lost the Hair on Its Tail" are different. The two problems in these stories are that the possum was lazy and the 'Gator had never heard of trouble. Another difference is that the possum was lazy and didn't wake up when Ole Nora took the hair off of his tail. But the 'Gator did wake up when the marsh was burning. Finally, the rain caused Ole Nora to take Possum's hair, 'Gator was crisped by the fire and turned black. That is why these two stories were similar and different. I hope I can read more folk tales like these and challenge myself with different writing styles.