Definition of Parable

Parable:

a brief story, <u>based on heavy realism</u>, contains <u>explicit teachings</u> of religion or philosophy; they explain the logic of a Spiritual World and apply them to the Natural World.

- strictly contain teachings of:
 - > social
 - > political
 - > religious
 - > moral behavior
- deal with human characters (*no* talking animals)
- do not contain magic nor fantasy aspects
- Protagonists in these stories vary from culture to culture. Since the parable is based on a strong realism, these characters must be easily identifiable, believable figures from day-to-day life.