

Research Essay Directions

Please read and follow directions carefully. Adhere to the outline.

Write a 3-4-page **thesis-driven** research essay that explores some aspect of fairy tales that is of interest to you. For example, you might explore fairy tales through the lens of feminism or childhood development. Alternately, you might focus on an in-depth, researched analysis of one or more fairy tales. You might compare/contrast different versions of a fairy tale. Your essay will make use of both primary and secondary sources.

- Please write in the present verb tense for ENG 201 essays.
- Avoid generalizations and observations that are outside the bounds of your thesis/text.
- Do not critique the author or attempt to define what the author's intent is with respect to the reading audience.

OUTLINE

Original Title

(Try to make it interesting!)

Introduction

- Begin with an interesting lead-in that reflects and generates interest in the topic.
- Briefly explain why you are interested in this specific aspect of fairy tale study.
- Arrive at a thought-provoking, clearly articulated thesis statement that can be developed into a full-length research essay.

Body

- Support your thesis with reference to specific scenes and details from the primary source.
- Further support your thesis with facts, examples, and insights from your secondary sources.
- Include at least 2 direct quotes from your secondary sources, and at least 2 quotes from your primary source. If you are comparing different versions of a fairy tale, you will need 2 quotes from each story. At least one of the secondary sources must come from the BMCC library database. See **Requirements Regarding Secondary Sources** below.

Conclusion

- Restate (not repeat) your **thesis**.
- Sum up your main ideas.

Work Cited Page

Include a separate Work Cited page following MLA format. Include citations for both primary and secondary sources. List citations in alphabetical order. *Use a hanging indent (for each entry, indent every line after the first). Double space.*

Academic Integrity Pledge

- Write a brief statement in which you pledge that the content of your essay is completely original and has not relied on online sources or electronic editing/writing tools or bots.

Requirements Regarding Secondary Sources

Your essay must contain quotes from 2-4 secondary sources. At least one of these sources must come from the BMCC library database. Blogs and dot.com sources are **not** acceptable for college research essays. You may, however, use researched sources that are dot.org or dot.edu.

Do not use Chat GTP or other bots or “tools.”