

## Essay 4

### Part 1

#### Research and Reading

You will be writing a 3-4 page essay in which you argue whether you believe fairy tales are good or bad for children.

In your essay, you must refer to one or more fairy tale of your choice (primary sources). Your arguments will be supported by at least three *provided* secondary source articles. One of your secondary sources can come from **List A** (below). At least two of your secondary sources must come from **List B** (below).

For Part 1, you will just be doing the preliminary research and reading. You do not have to turn anything in, but do keep notes for yourself.

#### **Suggestion for Doing This Assignment:**

- Determine what your thesis (opinion) is. Are fairy tales good or bad for children?
- Decide which fairy tale(s) (primary source) best support your opinion.
- Read **List A** and locate the articles online. Choose the one you want to use. Make notes and select quotes you might use in your essay. Create MLA citations.
- Read **List B**. Locate the articles on the JSTOR database in the BMCC library. Browse through the articles or read the abstracts to choose the ones you want to use. (You may not have to read the whole article to make this selection). Make notes and choose quotes you might use in your essay. Copy the MLA citations from the database.

Below are the two lists of secondary sources.

#### **List A** (online sources)

##### **Choose 1.**

“Experts Say Fairy Tales Not So Happy Ever After” by Liz Grauerholtz in *Purdue News*

“Sex and Violence in Fairy Tales” editorial by David Isaacs, *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*

“The Positive Impacts of Fairy Tales for Children” by Leilani VisikoKnox-Johnson, University of Hawaii

**List B** (from JSTOR database BMCC library))

Choose at least 2.

“Another Look at the Fairy Tales” by Leland B. Jacobs

“Good and Bad beyond Belief: Teaching Gender Lessons through Fairy Tales and Feminist Theory” by Jerilyn Fisher and Ellen S. Silber

“Rediscovering the Power of Fairy Tales” by Mary Howarth

“Some Day My Prince Will Come” by Marcia Lieberman

“Tell Fairy Stories to Your Children” by Jane Stafford

“The Pervasiveness and Persistence of the Feminine Beauty Ideal in Children’s Fairy Tales” by Lori Baker-Sperry and Liz Grauerholtz

“Why Fairy Tales Matter” by Maria Tatar