

Essay 4

Directions

Write 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 tales of your choice (primary sources). The stories must be classic fairy tales written by either The Brothers Grimm, Hans Christian Andersen, or Charles Perrault. You must also refer to at least *three* secondary source articles.

Please have a definite “yes” or “no” opinion for this essay. *Do not write that fairy tales are good for children in some ways and bad in others.* This is an argumentative essay. You can address the arguments of the opposing side in your rebuttal section. Think of this as an intellectual exercise.

In **Part 1** of this assignment, you researched a number of secondary source articles. In total, you must use at least *three* (3) of these secondary sources as support in your essay. One source can come from **List A**. At least *two sources* must come from **List B**. Sources are listed below. Do not use any other source.

List A (Choose 1): **Locate online**

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

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

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

List B (Choose 2): **Locate in the JSTOR database (BMCC library)**

“Rediscovering the Power of Fairy Tales” by Mary Howarth

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

“Tell Fairy Stories to Your Children” by Jane Stafford

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

“Why Fairy Tales Matter” by Maria Tatar

“Some Day My Prince Will Come” by Marcia Lieberman

Adhere closely to the following outline.

OUTLINE

INTRO

- Start the essay with an interesting beginning that introduces the topic of fairytales
- State your thesis (opinion). Do you believe fairy tales are good or bad for children?
- Briefly state *at least two reasons* for your opinion. *Do not go into detail*. Just state the reasons.

BODY

- Beginning with a topic sentence, support the *first reason* for your opinion.
- Discuss this reason with reference to specific scenes and *direct quotes* from the fairy tales (primary sources).
- Further support the reason for your opinion with reference and *direct quotes* from secondary sources.

Next Body Paragraph:

- Beginning with a topic sentence, support the *second reason* for your opinion.
- Discuss this reason with reference to specific scenes and *direct quotes* from the fairy tales (primary sources).
- Further support this reason for your opinion with reference and *direct quotes* from secondary sources.

Next body Paragraph (if applicable):

- Beginning with a topic sentence, support the *third reason* for your opinion.
- Discuss this reason with reference to specific scenes and *direct quotes* from the fairy tales (primary sources).

- Further support this reason for your opinion with reference and *direct quotes* from secondary sources.

New Body Paragraph: Rebuttal

- Address possible rebuttals to your opinion with reference and *direct quotes* to at least one of the provided secondary sources.
- Support rebuttal with reference and *direct quotes* from at least one primary source

CONCLUSION

- Reiterate your thesis (opinion)
- Sum up your main reasons for your opinion
- End with a strong statement of opinion.

Works Cited

List your primary and secondary sources using correct MLA format. Citations for List B articles are given on the database.

For List A articles, use the BMCC library guide to MLA citation or use a citation generator, such as Scribbr.com, Citation Machine, or MyBib.