

Fairy Tale Ending

Goals

- To write a new ending for a fairy or folk tale that demonstrates an understanding of the characters and plot
- To practice narrative writing skills



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And then...

Overview: Students write a new ending for a familiar fairy tale or folktale.

Materials

- A short fairy or folk tale with which students are not familiar
- “Fairy Tale Ending” template or any fairy or folk tale design that coordinates with student’s choice of topic. (The “Three Little Pigs” design provides a storyboard with space for students to draw the final scene.)

Directions

1. Introduce the activity by reading a tale with which students are not familiar. Stop before the end and ask students what they think will happen. Encourage them to brainstorm a variety of endings. Then finish reading the tale. Were students’ predictions correct? Which endings were believable and consistent with the characters and plot?
2. Assign students a fairy or folk tale or let them choose their own. Ask students to read the tale carefully to understand the characters and plot. Then ask them to write a new ending. Tell them their new conclusion may make sense in terms of the characters and plot, or it may include a creative or surprising twist. Either way, students must include a note at the end explaining why their ending is or is not probable.



Directions *(continued)*

3. Have students draw a picture to depict their conclusion.
4. Host a “Readers’ Theatre” and have students share their “fractured” fairy tales. Ask the audience to decide if the new ending is consistent with the characters and plot or whether it includes a creative twist that moves away from the original story. Then ask the student author to explain his or her opinion.

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- Use any fairy tale or award design to create awards for the most believable and most imaginative conclusions. Let students vote, or create enough different certificates to give everyone an appropriate award.
- Bind tales together to create a book of “fractured fairy tales”, or upload the full electronic document to a self-publishing site where parents, friends, and relatives can order copies.

