

Cothran
Writing 101
Paper 1

This paper should be 3-4 typed, double-spaced pages. Remember that our focus (in this unit) has been on writing 1) summaries and 2) theses, introductions, and conclusions. I therefore will be paying special attention to these elements of your paper. Also, somewhere in the paper you must use **at least one quotation** from an actual fairy tale or children's story. You will need to correctly cite the source after the paper on a works cited page using MLA format.

Have fun! Writing can be enjoyable.

1. Write about your favorite (fairy) tale from your childhood. Retell the story, but also say what you thought about it then. What did you learn from the story? What did it tell you about the world you lived in? What do you think about the messages conveyed by the story now that you are an adult?
2. What do fairy tales tell boys and girls about gender roles? Do you feel the messages put forth are positive or negative ones? A bit of both?
3. Explore the relationships between parents and children that we see in two different versions of Cinderella. What do these tales tell children about their roles in the family? About step-parents?
4. Discuss magic and heroism. Are these important elements to be included in the stories told to children (and also to teens, and perhaps to adults)? Why or why not?