

Grade 4 Fairytale Outline

Writing

March 18, 19, 20, 21- working on story outline - should include as much detail as possible - Setting description, character description, plot summary, problem and solution

Friday, March 21- hand in their story outline

Monday, March 23 - Thursday, April 3 (approximately 7 homeroom periods) writing first draft Focus is on: Character description - continuing to improve paragraphs, quotation marks, proofreading skills

Length: minimum 6, maximum 10 pages double-spaced

Hand Written

Rough Draft due on Thursday, April 3

Corrections for spelling, sentence structure - no fragments or run-on, grammar-agreement of tenses, punctuation - quotation marks with punctuation inside the quotations. Ex. "Hurry, the rocks are falling!" screamed John.

Change Paragraphs - new time, new location, new idea, new line for each change in speaker

Character Description - 15 points of description minimum (in total, not for each character)

Working at home on final copy April 4th – April 17th - writing the final copy - Hand in on Tuesday, April 22nd

Evaluation

- length 6-10 pages double spaced (typing optional, estimated 3-6 pages typed)
- Logical plot development - beginning, middle, end - problem and solution
- 15** points of character description minimum
- how characters felt, not just what he or she did or said
- what the setting and characters looked like
- correct writing mechanics - spelling, paragraphs, punctuation, sentences, etc.
- handed in on time
- present work neatly
- cover with picture (other illustrations/pictures are optional)

There are 5 elements in a fairy tale:

1. An Opening and Ending Line. Usually begins with a phrase like "Once upon a time" or "Long ago in a land far away." An ending line could be a phrase like "they lived happily ever after."
2. A Hero or Heroine: often kind and good-natured. Often, the hero or heroine finds themselves in a situation out of their control that they must overcome. Likewise, a fairy tale always has some sort of villain.
3. Magic: often animals or objects that talk. Also can have fantastical creatures such as goblins, dragons, trolls, unicorns, elves, fairies, griffons etc.
4. Royalty: usually has a king or queen, prince or princess that lives in a castle.
5. Universal Lesson/Moral: Fairy Tales usually provide some sort of lesson or moral. They show that goodness triumphs over evil. Ex. Dreams can come true.