Fairy Tales Using Bloom's Taxonomy

Grades 3-5

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• Identify emotions and feelings		•							•			•			•	
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Comprehension:		·						-						-		
• Recalling details and events	•		•	•					•			•	•		•	•
Interpreting cause and effect						•		•								
• Sequencing story events in order										•				•		
Making inferences, drawing conclusions						•	•				•					
Application:																
• Create a poster, scene puzzle, cartoon	•	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
• Create a finger, paper bag, or stick puppet														•	•	
• Writing descriptive paragraphs				•		•			•	•						
• Interview a character			•													
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Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

By the Brothers Grimm



Once upon a time a Queen sat by a castle window on a snowy winter's day sewing. Some snowflakes fell on the window ledge. The Queen accidentally pricked her finger and a single drop of blood fell upon the snow. "Oh, how I wish that I might be blessed with a child with skin as white as snow, lips as red as my blood, and hair as black as the window-frame," she thought. In time, the Queen's wish was granted. She gave birth to a little girl exactly like the one in her wish and called her Snow White.

The family was very happy until one day the Queen fell ill and died. Shortly afterwards the King brought home a new wife to the palace. Snow White's stepmother was really a witch with a cruel and evil nature. Everyone in the castle feared her as she brought strange objects with her. One amazing object was a truly wonderful magic mirror that could speak. It hung on the wall of a lonely turret and was only used by the Queen.

Every morning the Queen went to her secret room in the castle and asked the mirror, "Mirror, mirror on the wall who is the fairest of us all?" The mirror would always reply, "You are the fairest of them all" until the dreadful day when she heard it say "Snow White is the loveliest in the land." The Queen was wild with jealousy when she heard the mirror's answer and called for her most trusted huntsman. She ordered him to take Snow White into a forest far from the castle and kill her. The next morning the huntsman took Snow White for a ride into the dark forest. He ordered Snow White to get off her pony and told her he had been ordered to kill her by the Queen. Snow White cried and begged for mercy. The huntsman lost his courage and left Snow White standing alone in the dark forest.

That night Snow White slept curled up at the base of a large tree. The next morning she discovered a path and followed it until she came to a little clearing. At the edge of the clearing stood a strange cottage with a tiny door, tiny windows, and a tiny chimney. Snow White pushed the door open and went inside. In one room stood seven small chairs arranged around a polished table and seven pairs of slippers lay side by side on the hearth. Upstairs in a bedroom, Snow White found seven neat little beds. At the sight of them, she gave a weary sigh and dropped down on the nearest bed and fell fast asleep.



When Snow White awakened she looked up into the faces of seven little men who were dwarfs. Their friendly faces made her feel at ease so she sat up and quickly told them her story. The dwarfs all agreed that she could live with them if she promised to darn their socks and have dinner ready for them when they returned each night. Snow White promised to take good care of them and they in turn promised to look after her safety. The next morning when the dwarfs set off for work they reminded Snow White not to open the door to strangers.

In the meantime, the huntsman had returned to the castle with the heart of a deer and told the Queen that it was Snow White's. The Queen believed him at first until her mirror told her that "The loveliest in the land is still Snow White who lives in the seven dwarfs' cottage deep in the woods." Purple with rage the Queen screamed, "She must die! She must die!" She turned away from the mirror and sat down to plan how she would destroy Snow White. Using her witchcraft the Queen changed herself into a brown-faced gypsy who was selling colorful laces. She went to the dwarfs' house and showed them to Snow White who immediately opened the door to buy the red ones. The gypsy woman laced them around her so tightly that Snow White could scarcely breathe and fell senseless to the ground. When the dwarfs returned, they cut the laces and poured water on her face to bring her back to life. The dwarfs warned Snow White again not to open the door to strangers as the evil Queen would return to try and destroy her.

During the Queen's second visit, she was disguised as a friendly country woman. She had a pretty pink comb decorated with tiny colored stones to show Snow White. At first, Snow White wouldn't open the door. Instead, she talked through a small window. Once Snow White saw the comb, she opened the door to get a better look. Now the comb was indeed pretty but it was a poisonous one. As soon as the comb was put in the girl's hair, the poison began to spread throughout her body and she collapsed on the ground. With an evil laugh the Queen disappeared into the forest. When the dwarfs returned they found Snow White on the ground and knew the wicked Queen had returned. They quickly removed the comb and gave her salt water to drink to save her. The dwarfs warned Snow White a third time that the jealous Queen would return again and this time she would make sure that she would die.

The wicked Queen studied her black book of recipes and spells and found the perfect one - a poisonous apple, one bite would be fatal. The Queen changed herself into an old peasant woman, filled a basket with apples and placed the poisonous one on the top. Then she went to the dwarfs' house.



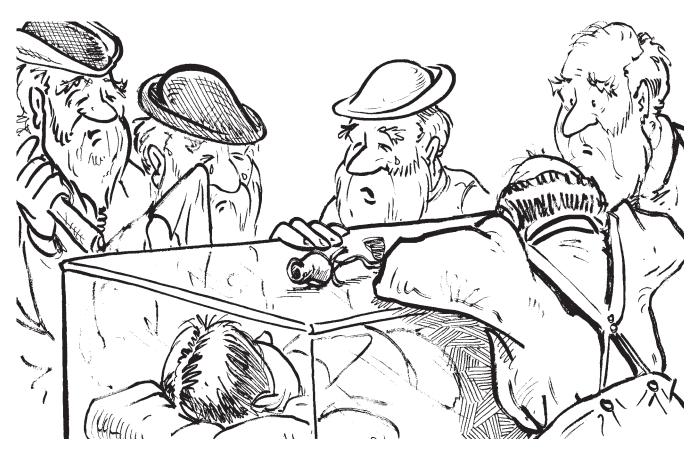
Snow White heard a knock at the door but she would not open it. "Who's there?" asked Snow White. The old woman replied, "I'm an old peasant woman selling juicy apples and I would like to give you one as a gift." Snow White opened the door a crack to take the apple. She bit into the fruit and as she did, fell to the ground in a faint. The terrible poison left her lifeless instantly. The evil Queen chuckled as she hurried home. While crossing the swamp she fell into the quicksand and was never heard of again.

The dwarfs returned to find Snow White lying still and lifeless with the poisoned apple by her side. This time they could not bring her around. The dwarfs wept for days. Finally, they laid her on a bed of rose petals and carried her to the forest and placed her in a crystal coffin. They visited her daily leaving a fresh rose each time.

One evening, the dwarfs saw a strange young man admiring Snow White's lovely face through the glass lid. They told him Snow White's story. The young man told the dwarfs that he was a Prince from a nearby castle and he would love to kiss her.

The dwarfs raised the glass lid and the Prince bent down and kissed Snow White on her lips. To everyone's astonishment Snow White opened her eyes and came to life. The Prince's kiss had broken the Queen's spell. Now in love, the Prince asked Snow White to marry him and the dwarfs had to say good-bye to her.

From that day on Snow White lived happily with the Prince in his castle.





Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs By the Brothers Grimm

Complete the following activities.



1. On the chart list the words that describe Snow White, the Queen, and the Dwarfs.

Snow White	The Queen	The Dwarfs



2. Explain why the Queen didn't like Snow White.



3. Choose your favorite character in the story. Illustrate a picture of him or her in your notebook or on a separate piece of paper. Explain in a few sentences why you liked this character the best.



4. Which parts of the story were wicked and evil? Explain why.



5. Create a four line poem about Snow White.



6. Do you think the Queen was an evil character in the story? Explain why.