**Worksheet 4: Fairy Tales and their evolution**

Pre-reading

1. *Do you think fairy tales contain archetypes which are timeless and universal, and uphold traditions and values which should be conserved, or do you think fairy tales should be constantly re-examined and challenged, and if necessary, revised? Or both?*
2. *Fairy tales evolved from folk tales. What is the difference between the two*?

While-reading

1. *Read the three versions of Little Red Riding Hood, see the file attached.*

Which of them are folk tales and which are fairy tales?

Which of them were spread orally and which came to the readers in the printed form?

Which ones are primarily didactic?

Which onea promote middle-class values and gender roles and which betray working class milieu?

Which ones try to break down stereotypes and what stereotypes are they?

What are the target audiences of the tales?

Activities

*Here are four types of warm-ups I created based on fairy tales, for three different age groups and levels of English. Try them out and see what the tasks are and what their purpose might be, and for what age and level they are intended.*

1. **Match.**

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| Snow | Beauty |
| Hansel | Mermaid |
| Sleeping | White |
| Ugly | Gretel |
| Little  | Duckling |

**2. Who am I?**

a) I live in the middle of the forest. My cottage is made of gingerbread. I like to eat small children.

b) I am beautiful but also proud and cruel. Every day, I speak to my mirror to see if I am the most beautiful woman in the world.

c) I am nice, kind and hard-working. I live with my stepmother and stepsisters, who don’t like me.

**3. Who am I?**

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| Homeless? We are kind and hard-working. If you do housework for us, you can stay. |

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| I am looking for two rich and powerful husbands for two of my three daughters.  |

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| Selling homemade gingerbread. Visit me in my cottage. Address: Deep forest. |

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| Little girls, do you need to go through the forest? I can show you the way. P. S. You are so tasty. |

**4. Untangle.**

Two children, Hansel and Gretel, live with their Mum and Dad in a village. One day, their Mum dies, and they are very sad. Then, Dad brings a new Mum. But she doesn’t like Hansel and Gretel. She sends them into the forest. Sleeping Beauty falls asleep and the whole castle with her. A hundred years pass. One day, a prince comes to the castle that is now covered in white roses. The Queen asks the mirror: “Who the most beautiful person in the world?” The Mirror answers: “Snow White is the most beautiful person in the world.” The Queen is angry. She finds a beautiful red apple and poisons it.

**5. The trial**



