

Faery Tales



There are some stories that almost everyone in one culture knows, as we were all told them as little children. These can be an excellent thing to explore onstage, as they are universally understood. Not everyone will have eaten the same foods as you, heard the same songs or seen the same films, but they should all know these tales.

Can you tell one of these stories as though it actually happened to you, your friends & family? What are the details you can add to make it seem more realistic?

Some of these stories have already been turned into Disney films, like Aladdin, Beauty & The Beast, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, and Rapunzel (Tangled). Think about how YOU would turn one of the other stories into a movie. Would you modernise it? Who would be the villain? Which actors would you choose as stars? Would you have an animal be the funniest character? Could you bring in guest stars from other faery tales – wolves show up a lot – like they do in Shrek? Give us your ideas!

All of these stories contain a lesson, often about trust and how to outsmart your enemy. Can you think of something the storyteller DOES want you to learn from the stories, and something more ridiculous you could also claim it has taught you? For example, Little Red Riding Hood teaches you not to talk to strangers, but also to wear armour when visiting your gran so you're much harder to bite. The Ugly Duckling teaches you not to bully someone because they look different, but also not anger a swan because they can REALLY HURT YOU when they get big.

Aladdin

Rumpelstiltskin

Beauty & The Beast

Sleeping Beauty

Cinderella

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Emperor's New Clothes

The Princess & The Pea

The Frog Prince

Snow White & The Seven Dwarves

Goldilocks & The Three Bears

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Hansel & Gretel

The Little Mermaid

Jack & the Beanstalk

Three Little Pigs

Little Red Riding Hood

The Tortoise & The Hare

Rapunzel

The Ugly Duckling