

Applying Literary Theory

By now you should have the start of an understanding of literary theory and how it can be applied to something as simple as a fairy tale. Now it's time to apply what you are learning. Select a fairy tale and view it through several literary lenses. First read it carefully and annotate it. It must be marked up!! Please select a short fairy tale and not "Rapunzel." Hopefully it will be one that is fairly common so I don't have to read 20 new fairy tales!

When you have completed, write up a brief (one page, double-spaced, 12 point) analysis of your discoveries. You cannot rely on reader-response. You **MUST** use more approaches than one. If you want to learn more about some of the theories or others we did not review in class, the following sites might be helpful:

<http://www.kristisiegel.com/theory.htm>

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/l/literary.htm>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Literary_theory

This is a formal paper: do not include plot summary, do not use "I" and cite any your sources.

Annotated fairy tale: 10 points

Fairy tale one page response: 20 points

Have it printed along with your annotated fairy tale ready to hand in for the next class.