

Analysis Essay Assignment

Write a 4-6 page analysis essay on "Cinderella."

Maria Tatar's "Introduction to Fairy Tales" is rich with statements that could serve as principles for analysis. Some Examples:

- Arthur Schlesinger Jr. writes about how the classical tales "tell children what they unconsciously know- that human nature is not innately good, that conflict is real, that life is harsh before it is happy-and thereby reassure them about their own fears and their own sense of self."
- Fairy tales are up close and personal, telling us about the quest for romances and riches, for power and privilege, and, most important, for a way out of the woods back to safety and security of home.

You will find at least four other such statements that could serve as principles of analysis. **Use one statement as a tool to write your analysis about one of the versions of "Cinderella" that you have read.**

Consider using the following organizational structure for your analysis:

- An introduction that sets a context for the topic and presents the claim you intend to support in the analysis that follows. Your claim (thesis) distills the conclusions you've drawn from your analysis.
- A paragraph or two introducing the analytic tool or principle you intend to use and discuss its key components.
- A paragraph or two describing the situation you will analyze- drawn from the variant of "Cinderella" you have chosen.
- Several paragraphs in which you systematically apply the key components of the principle you have selected to the situation you have described.
- A conclusion.