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Summer Reading Assignment – Honors English I - 2008

Title of Text – *The Classic Fairy Tales*, by Iona and Peter Opie
ISBN # 0-19-520219-8

Vocabulary Assignment:

While reading, look up any words you don't know and neatly write the definitions on a looseleaf piece of paper. Please don't type vocabulary assignments. There is no limit to the number of words you define, but you should have at least 20.

Comprehension Assignments:

Read the Introduction, pages 13-34, then answer the following questions (may be handwritten or typed).

1. According to the introduction, what provides the “magic” in fairy tales?
2. What are some characteristics of a fairy tale?
3. Where did the earliest versions of fairy tales originate?
4. What makes Hans Christian Anderson different from earlier authors such as Perrault or the Grimm Brothers?

Read the following fairy tales and their introductions:

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| <input type="radio"/> Cinderella | <input type="radio"/> The Three Wishes |
| <input type="radio"/> The Little Red Riding-Hood | <input type="radio"/> The History of Tom Thumb |
| <input type="radio"/> Beauty and the Beast | <input type="radio"/> The Tinder Box |
| <input type="radio"/> Snow Drop | <input type="radio"/> Jack and the Bean-Stalk |
| <input type="radio"/> Rumpelstiltskin | <input type="radio"/> Hansel and Gretel |

After reading each selection, answer the following questions (may be handwritten or typed).

1. Have you read (or heard) this fairy tale before? If so, how was this version different? If you weren't previously familiar with this fairy tale, what did you find interesting or surprising about it?
2. Name some characteristics of a fairy tale (given in book's introduction, p. 13-34) that are present in this fairy tale.

After reading all the fairy tales, answer the following questions in one or two paragraphs:

What do the twelve fairy tales have in common? Why are they considered fairy tales and not just short stories? Why do you think the more modern versions are different?

All typed work must be Times New Roman, 12 point font. Vocabulary assignment must be handwritten.

DUE: The first day of class. This assignment will be your first grade of the semester. Be prepared to be tested on the reading.