

Activities:

Fairy Stories and Film

Retell a fairy story

Introduction

Lots of fairy stories have been changed and retold in a new way in films. In 'Hoodwinked' the tale of 'Red Riding Hood' is turned upside-down and inside-out, when the police decide to investigate the crimes behind the story! 'Shrek' taught us that the rules of fairy stories are there to have fun with.

Some films just borrow bits from fairy stories like the characters, props and settings. The next time you watch a film, look out for magical creatures, animals that talk and strange kingdoms.

Activity

1. Choose a fairy story which is not too well known or a folk story you know well. If you can't think of one, choose a story that has already been retold for a film that you would like to do differently.
2. Read and/or watch as many versions of the story as you can and try to pick out the original or earliest version.
3. Decide which parts of the plot, characters, setting or props you are going to keep and which ones you are going to change. For example you could make a kind princess evil and a change a scary dragon into a coward!
4. Use the downloads from the Film Academy to help you come up with your storyline, script and storyboard.

What next?

Film your new fairy story and submit it to Film Street!

You will need:

Lots of versions of a fairy story - books and films

Film Academy downloads