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What have you learned about royal families?

- Kings and queens and their children, princes and princesses were the most important and powerful people in the kingdom
- Princes and princesses grew up getting whatever they wanted and having servants do everything for them

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Who knows where we live and can find it on the map? Today we are going to read a fairy tale that was a familiar story in many countries in Europe a long time ago. The version you will hear is based on the tales by two brothers, known as the Brothers Grimm. The Brothers Grimm lived in Germany in the 1800's.

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Today you are going to hear a made up, fictional story about a young girl named Snow White and a queen who wants to be the fairest, or most beautiful, person in the kingdom. Listen to find out what the queen does to get what she wants.

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There once was a queen who was very beautiful, but she was very vain. The word vain means that the queen knew she was very beautiful and thought about her beauty all of the time. She could not bear to think that anyone might be more beautiful than she.

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The queen had a magic mirror, and she would look into it and say:

“Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who is fairest of us all?”

When she asked who is fairest, she meant, who is the most beautiful of all.

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And the mirror would answer:

“You, Queen, are the fairest of us all.”

And she was satisfied, for she knew the mirror spoke the truth.

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The queen's stepdaughter was a darling little girl named Snow White. As Snow White grew up, she grew prettier and prettier, and when she was seven years old, she was more beautiful than the queen herself.

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So one day, when the queen went to her mirror and asked:

“Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who is fairest of us all?”

The mirror answered:
“Though you are fair, O Queen, ‘tis true,
Snow White is fairer still than you.”

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The word *fair* means beautiful in this sentence. The word *fair* can have other meanings. It also means a carnival with rides and game booths.

When the queen heard this, she turned green with jealousy, and from that moment her heart turned against Snow White.

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“Turning green with jealousy” means becoming very, very jealous, or wanting what someone else has very much.

Envy grew in her like weeds, until one day she called for a huntsman, and said, “Take the child into the woods and away from my kingdom.” The word envy also means wanting what someone else has.

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What did the queen decide to do since she was so jealous of Snow White's beauty?

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The huntsman took the child into the forest, but he took pity on Snow White and told her to run away. The huntsman felt sorry for Snow White, so he let her live.

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As the huntsman galloped away, poor Snow White found herself alone in the woods. She felt afraid and ran as along as her feet would carry her, until at last, as evening fell, she came upon a little house deep in the woods.

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She went inside to rest. Inside the house everything was very small, but as neat and clean as possible. By the wall stood seven little beds, side by side, covered with clean white quilts. Nearby stood a little table, covered with a white cloth and set with seven little plates, seven knives and forks and seven little drinking cups.

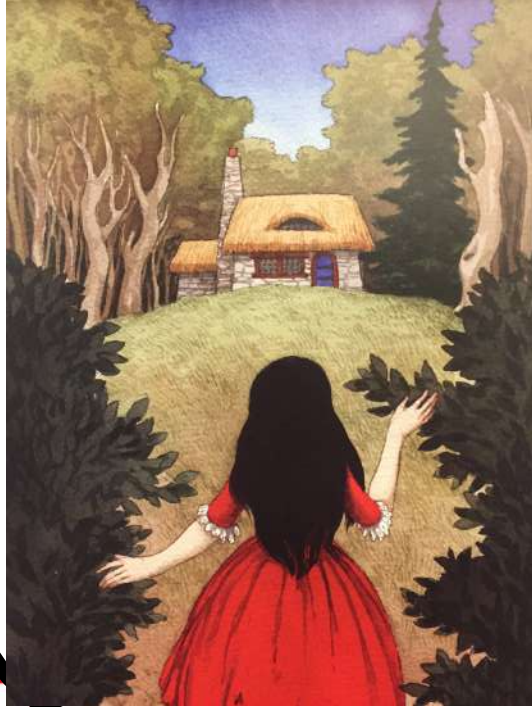
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How many people do you think might live at this house?

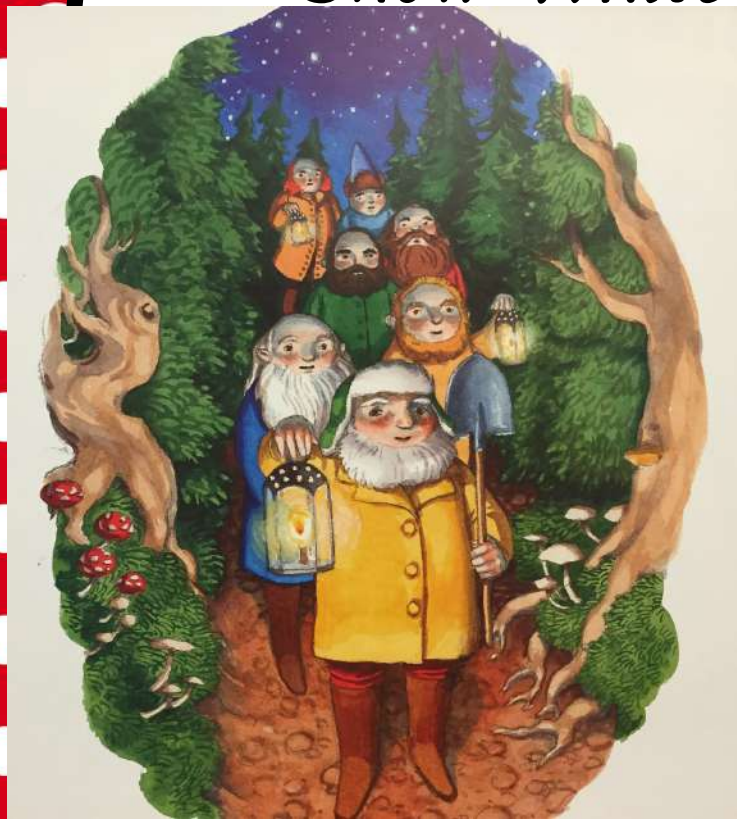
Snow White was very hungry, but she didn't want to eat anyone's whole meal, so she took a little porridge and bread from each plate, and a little sip from each cup.

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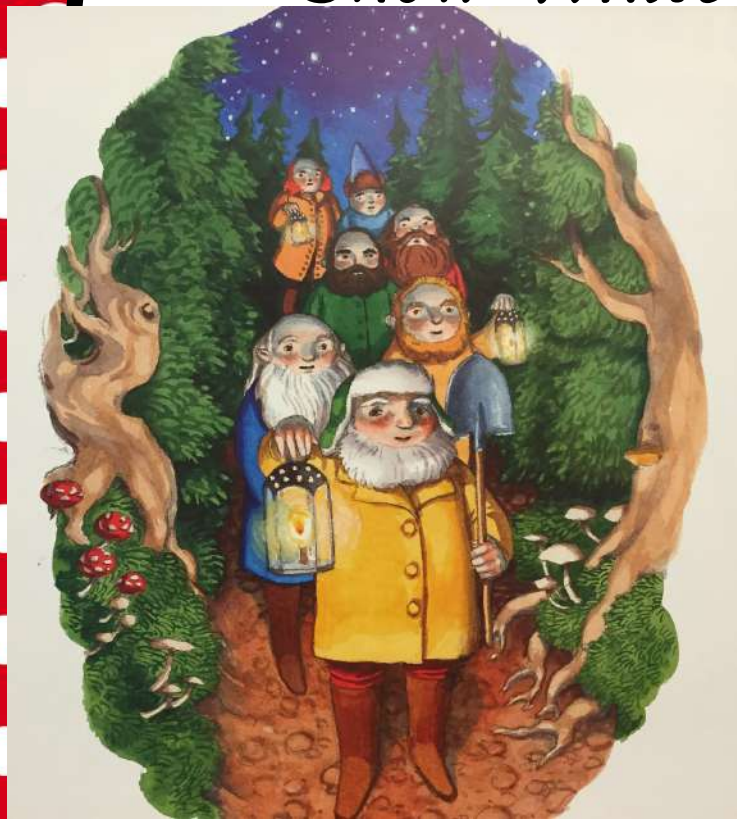
After that, she felt so tired that she lay down on one of the beds and fell asleep.

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When it was quite dark, the owners of the little house came home. They were seven dwarfs, who worked every day in the mountains, digging with their picks and shovels for gold. When they had lighted their seven candles, they saw that everything in the house was not the same as they had left it.

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They looked around and saw Snow White lying asleep in a bed. They all came running up with their candles, and said, "Oh, goodness gracious!" She was sleeping so peacefully that they did not want to wake her.

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The next morning, Snow White woke and saw the seven dwarfs. They seemed quite friendly, so she told them how the queen had made her leave the kingdom, and how she had run the whole day long, until at last she had found their little house.

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Then the dwarfs said, "If you will keep the house for us, you may stay with us, and we will make sure you have everything you need."

Every morning, the dwarfs went to the mountain to dig for gold. When the dwarfs were away during the day, Snow White was alone in the house.

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The dwarfs warned her, saying,
“Don’t let anyone in the house!
Beware of the queen, for she may
find out you are here.”

Where does the queen think Snow
White is?

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And indeed, one day the queen went to her mirror and said:

*“Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who is the fairest of us all?”*

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And the mirror answered:

*“O Queen, you are of beauty rare,
But Snow White living in the glen
With the seven little men
Is a thousand times more fair.”*



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Who did the mirror say was the most beautiful? Do you think the queen expected this answer from the mirror or was she surprised?

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The queen gasped. She knew the mirror spoke the truth, and that Snow White must be still in the kingdom. She thought of a plan to get rid of Snow White. She went to a dark and secret room, and there she made a poisonous apple. It was so big, beautiful, and red that anyone who saw it would long for it, but whoever ate even a piece of it would sleep forever.

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Then the queen made herself look like a peddler, or a person who travels about selling things, and went across the seven mountains to the home of the seven dwarfs. When she knocked at the door, Snow White put her head out the window and said, "I dare not let anyone in. The seven dwarfs told me not to."

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*"All right, I'll go," said the old woman.
"But here, let me give you one of my
apples."*

*"No," said Snow White, "I'm not
supposed to take anything."*

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“Goodness, child, you act like the apples are poisoned!” said the old woman. “Look here, I’ll take a bite of this apple myself, all right?”

But the wicked queen had thought of everything: When she made the poisonous apple, she put the poison only in one side--the side that she now held out facing toward Snow White.

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Snow White looked at the lovely apple and wanted it so much that when she saw the old woman take a bite of the other side--the side without the poison--Snow White could not resist. She stepped outside, took the apple, bit the poisonous part of the apple, and fell down as if she would never get up again.

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When the queen went home, she rushed to her mirror and asked:

“Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who is the fairest of us all?”

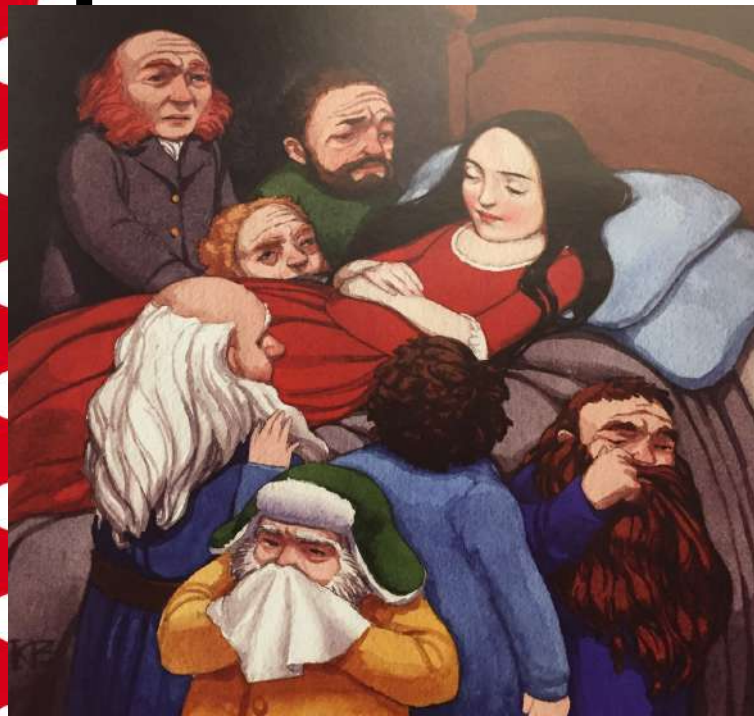
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And the mirror answered:
“You are now the fairest of all.”

What does that mean--what has
happened to Snow White?

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The dwarfs came home and found Snow White lying there, as if dead. They lifted her up and looked for some way to help her, but they found nothing, and nothing they did helped the child. And they sat around her, all seven of them, and wept. They loved her so much that for many years Snow White lay in the dwarfs' home. All the while she never changed, but looked as if she were asleep, with skin as white as snow, lips as red as blood, and hair as black as ebony.

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Then one day a prince was riding through the woods. He stopped at the dwarfs' house. From there he could see the beautiful Snow White. She was so beautiful that he felt he had to kiss her.

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As the prince gently lifted Snow White, a piece of poison apple came out of Snow White's throat!

Snow White sat up and cried, "Oh! What happened?"

Was Snow White really dead? What happened so that she was able to wake up?

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The prince, full of joy, said, "You were in a deep sleep. I am the prince, and I love you more than anything in the world. Come with me to my father's castle and be my bride."

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A splendid wedding was held for the prince and Snow White. Snow White's wicked stepmother, the queen, was invited to the wedding. When she had dressed herself in beautiful clothes, she went to the mirror and asked:

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What do you think is going to happen now? When the queen asks the mirror who is the most beautiful, what do you think the mirror will say?

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“Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who is fairest of us all?”

And the mirror answered:

“Though you are fair, O Queen, ‘tis
true,
The new bride is fairer still than
you.”

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The queen screamed with anger. First she thought she would not go to the wedding. Then she thought she had to go and see the new bride. And when she saw the new bride, she recognized her as Snow White, and she was filled with a terrible rage. Rage means anger.

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In a wild fury, she screamed and stomped her feet and jumped up and down, as though she were wearing red-hot shoes, and ran away and never came back. She never caused Snow White trouble again. And Snow White and the prince lived happily ever after.

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Remembering that a setting is the place where the action in a story takes place, what is the setting in this image?



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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Who are the main characters in this read aloud?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Why is the queen jealous or envious of Snow White?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Where did Snow White go to live once the huntsman told her she had to leave the kingdom?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

How does the queen learn that Snow White is still in the kingdom?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

Why did the evil queen want to get rid of Snow White?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

Were the dwarfs able to save Snow White when they found her after she had eaten the poisoned apple? How did the dwarfs feel and why?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What happened to Snow White at the end of the story?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What happened to the queen at the end of the story?

Think Pair. Share.



I'm going to ask you a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

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Evaluative:

Some things in the story could really happen and some things could not really happen because they are magic or fantasy. Which things could really happen? Which things are fiction or fantasy?

Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

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In the read aloud you heard, "In a wild fury, the queen screamed and **stomped** her feet and jumped up and down, as though she were wearing red-hot shoes, and ran away and never came back."

Say the word **stomped** with me.

Whisper stomped to the ceiling.

Whisper stomped to your neighbor.

Let's clap it out.

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When a person **stomps**, s/he moves his or her foot up and down hard on the ground.

My brother was so mad when our favorite team lost the game that he **stomped** up the stairs to show how upset he was.

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Tell me about a time when you stomped around.
Try to use the word **stomped** when you tell about it.

“I stomped around when...”

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*What's the word we have been talking
about?*

Let's clap it out.

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I will name several things. If it is an example of stomping, please put your thumbs up. If it is not an example of stomping, thumbs down.

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Thumbs Up = stomping

Thumbs Down = Not stomping



Yaneli moved her feet to the beat of the music.



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Thumbs Up = stomping

Thumbs Down = Not stomping



*Ashley, in a huff, walked forcefully down
the hall to her room.*

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Thumbs Up = stomping

Thumbs Down = Not stomping



Luis jumped on his trampoline.





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Thumbs Up = stomping

Thumbs Down = Not stomping



*I tiptoed down the hall so as not to wake
the baby.*



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Thumbs Up = stomping

Thumbs Down = Not stomping



*Leonardo crawled around on the floor like
a lion.*

