Fairy Tales Are Good for Kids

Introduce the reader to the topic of the paper: fairy tales

**Controlling idea:** tells the reader your position/opinion and what your paper is going to be about.

Fairy tales have been around for hundreds of years. These great stories of courage, action, and adventure have thrilled and inspired children of all ages. Not only are the stories exciting and entertaining, they teach valuable lessons. **Children should read fairy tales because they teach children to overcome hardships with intelligence and that making good choices will be rewarded.**

**Topic sentence** states the focus of this paragraph. Must match the first point in the controlling idea.

Fairy tales tell the reader that problems can be overcome by using your brain. In “Hansel and Gretel,” little Gretel cleverly tricks the witch and saves herself and her brother. Hansel also shows his cleverness by presenting the witch with a bone instead of his finger making her think he was still too skinny to eat. By using their wits, they defeat the evil witch and return home to live happily ever after.

Body paragraph 1 supports the 1st point of the controlling idea with details and examples.

**Topic sentence** states the focus of this paragraph. Must match the second point in the controlling idea.

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Fairy tales **also** teach children that good choices are rewarded and bad actions are punished. In fairy tale after fairy tale, children see that the moral, virtuous characters are triumphant, and evil, wicked characters do not succeed.

Body paragraph 2 supports the 2nd point of the controlling idea with details and examples.

In “Hansel and Gretel,” both the cruel step-mother and evil witch die. Their wickedness is punished with the ultimate price: death. Likewise, in “Cinderella,”

the mean step-sisters lose the prince to good and kind Cinderella. Her moral values and goodness are rewarded with true love, wealth, and happiness.

Closing paragraph echoes the introductory paragraph. Re-states your position/opinion.

Clearly, fairy tales should be read by children. By teaching children to use their brains when facing a problem and to make good, positive choices in life, fairy tales should be on every child’s bookshelf. What could be better than wonderful life lessons disguised in the form of a superb fairy tale?