Modernizinga Fairy Tale

Was Rapunzel’s hair really hair extensions? Is she locked in a penthouse instead of a castle?

Did the princess sleep on a cell phone and not a pea?

Did Little red riding Hood listen to her Ipod while walking to grandma’s house?

Did Cinderella wear a Lady Gaga t-shirt to clean in? Or watching Oprah while she worked?

**Step 1: Either think of a famous fairy tale to modernize, or you can create your own. If you think of your own, base your conflict on modern problems such as bullying or other problems at school, problems with family, problems with technology, etc.**

**Step 2: Start your story with “Once upon a time”, or “In a land far, far away”, or “A long time ago”. You can immediately start modernizing it… “Once upon a time there was a man who ran a multi-billion dollar computer service”.**

**Step 3: Think of how to change the setting, yet keep it consistent with the fairy tale. If it took place in a forest-like area, maybe have it be in Central Park. If it’s at a ball, have it be at the Ritz Hotel in downtown Chicago.**

**Step 4: Think of a way to change the characters. If you’re writing about Little Red Riding Hood, have her be chased by thug who was hired by granny who runs a crime ring and doesn’t want to be caught!**

**Step 5: When you’re done, the question is… did they really live happily ever after? Will you change the story so that the good guy is the bad guy and the bad guy is the good guy? In the end, will the prince reject the princess because she’s not his type? The choice is yours!**

**Requirements:**

**Decide what lesson (theme) your fairy tale will teach and focus your story around that**

**Create a good character so the readers have someone to root for.**

**Devise an evil character (the antagonist) that could have magical powers to use against the protagonist**

**Use magical powers or a magical object**