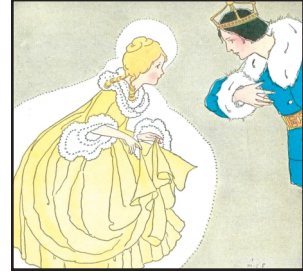


Furball

Vocabulary

ogre
wits
binding
hastened
curtsied
sentinel



Writing Prompts

Discuss the elements of this tale that make it a fairy tale.

Discuss appearances in terms of discrimination and relate it to this tale.

Bates uses various literary devices throughout this tale such as metaphor, simile, personification and hyperbole. Find examples and discuss the use of literary devices.

In recent years some have opposed the use of fur for clothing. Write a journal entry describing your personal views on the topic.

Multidisciplinary Instruction

ART: Have students create a paper mache figurine of Furball.

SCIENCE: Select a variety of nuts and berries. Predict the color of the juices if the nut or berry was smashed. Squash each item and record the colors that are produced.

COMPUTER: Use the Internet to research fur coats. What is the most costly type of fur and the least? What makes one fur coat more valuable than another?

MATH: Based on the cost of various furs, create a word problem to derive a cost for Furball's coat.

Newspaper Activity

Study editorials and write a persuasive essay for or against wearing fur clothing.

Select a news story that addresses issues related to social class and status. Compare the treatment of marginalized groups to the treatment of Furball.
