

THE FAIRY TALES OF KATHARINE LEE BATES

Creative Writing Project (Continued)

After students have become familiar with the parts, sections, functions and news style writing, engage in creating a newspaper using an individual fairy tale or several.

Have students write several pieces modeling news style writing using the writer's workshop model of instruction. After a series of pieces has been compiled, students will use computer skills to finalize the project. Depending on the age- and grade- level, resources and time available, students may enhance their newspaper by adding graphics. Although many options exist, a basic thematic newspaper should include several of the following elements:

- 1 - **Hard News Story** based on the fairy tale using quotes, a strong lead and written using the inverted pyramid structure
- 2 - An **Advice Column** with a relevant question based on a dilemma from the fairy tale. The question and answer should relate to the tale and be consistent with the characters' perspective
- 3 - A **Features** article that relates to an aspect of the tale. Topics might include fashion, food, health, how-to or celebrity interview.
- 4 - A **Display Advertisement** for something related to the fairy tale using the basic principles of design
- 5 - At least one **classified advertisement** for example, a castle for sale, a lost mitten, help wanted to carry water pitchers for an ogre, a found slipper. Must relate to the tale and be brief in content, but other ads based on well-known fairy tales may fill out that part of the newspaper.
- 6 - An **editorial** written for or against using the conflict, dilemma or resolution of the tale. Facts must be supported using at least two other sources.
- 7 - An **editorial cartoon** related to the conflict or resolution of the tale

Additional possibilities....

An obituary for a character or object
Horoscopes for the characters
Opinion column

Sports story
Business story
Movie, Book, Restaurant Reviews