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**Reading Assessment Tasks (RATS)**

**Fairy Tales**

**Examine the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen and the Brothers Grimm, to present a report which analyses the works of these writers.**

1. **Consult your library to answer the following questions:**

* What is a fairy tale?
* Are fairy tales timeless? Are they outdated today?
* Why do they appeal to children as well as to adults?
* Are they designed purely to entertain a child or do they operate on a deeper level?

1. **Find out about the lives of Hans Christian Andersen and the Brothers Grimm.**
2. **Read three of Andersen’s tales, and three of the Brothers’ Grimm. Make notes on each of the tales under the following headings:**

* What is the basic plot of the story?
* What age level would it best suit?
* What moral or message does it contain for children?
* Does it contain anything of deeper significance for adults?
* Were there any scenes which might be potentially disturbing for the child?
* How would you account for the inclusion of such scenes?
* Did you find the story particularly imaginative or inventive?
* Was it well written?
* Is the story relevant in any way to life today?

Use your notes to form the basis of an informative report including the above information.

**Extension**

Write your own timeless fairy tale.

**Assessment checklist**

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| I have read a book/books to suit the criteria of this task |  |
| I have prepared responses to the above questions |  |
| I have my note taking sheet ready to hand in with my task sheet |  |
| I have completed this task to the best of my ability |  |
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**All of the work submitted as part of this RAT is my own**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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