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## What is a fractured fairy tale video

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In the lesson below, you'll find two examples of cracked fairy tales that students can use as a jumping-out point to write their own mixed stories. Be sure to review the vocabulary before watching the clip. It doesn't mean to reread Snow White, Cinderella, or Jack and the Beanstalk before too! Vocabulary CHARACTER: A person or individual in a story DRAMATIC conflict: Struggle or contest FAIRY TALE: A story about a magical and imaginary being or land, often idealistic: Broken, cracked, or divided GENRE: A category of books or stories defined by style, content, and form (e.g. mystery: a suspenseful story about a confusing event that is not solved to the end of the story) PLOT : Plan or line SETTING the main story: Time and place of action in story SOLUTION : How to solve problems, or deal with difficult situations Rocky and Bullwinkle: Fractured Fairy tales: Snow White's Son Klip we come from the Paley Archives. To see, you need to register. If you have received your username and password, click to sign in and view the media. Before watching, brainstorm a list of all kinds of characters, settings, problems, and solutions that you often find in fairy tales. Pre-Watch Focus Questions: • This cracking fairy tale is based on Snow White as you can tell from the title. As you watch, compare clips to traditional stories. What's the most different about it? What's the same? Post-Watch Discussion Questions: • How did this cracking fairy tale begin? Who's getting married? What do they do next? • What does this version of the story tell us that the book doesn't? • What does Joe look like as a character? • Who else has a son? What was Virgil like? • What happened to Joe that was similar to the Snow White story? • Where did Joe go when he left the castle? what happened to him in the woods? • How did the story end? Why Why Joe and Flo live happily ever after? • Find as many similarities and differences as you can. • How do you describe the way this story is mixed or retold? Adventures in Art: The Muppets on Puppets: Fairy Tale Confusion Our clip comes from the Paley Archives. To see, you need to register. If you have received your username and password, click to sign in and view the media. Starting a fairy tale where it's meant to end is just one way to break the story. In the next clip, you'll learn about other ways to do it. The program below was created by Jim Henson, inventor of the Muppet and one of the most creative and talented people to ever work in television. Pre-Watch Focus: • Keep track of the different fairy tales you hear as you watch. Post-Watch Discussion Questions: • Explain what happened in this clip. How did it start? • Which fairy tales did they start with and what other stories did you hear one after the other? • How many do you think they said? • What characters did you meet along the way? Is it one of the same types of characters in each story (e.g. a witch, a fairy godmother, a talking animal, a little girl, a prince, etc.)? • What are the different settings in these stories? Are there similar settings (e.g. castles, forests, small houses, etc.)? • How did the clip end? • How do you describe what they did to break the Cinderella story? Additional Resources Books Fairy Tales of the Grimm Brothers by Philip Pullman Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion by Alex T. 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