Write a Fractured Fairy Tale

If you'd like to participate in this program live online, join us on the Teen Discord Server Wednesday, June 10 at 3 pm (you'll be emailed a link after registration for Teen Summer Reading; email aanderson@wclibrarytn.org with any issues or questions)! You can also go to www.facebook.com/wcpltnteen for our program livestream on June 11 at 3 pm, or just complete this program at your own pace!

What is a Fractured Fairy Tale?

A Fractured Fairy Tale is a retelling of a classing fairy tale, with some sort of twist added. It explores the original tale from a different angle, changing it by exploring a "what if" question to make an original story. Sometimes the twist in a Fractured Fairy Tale makes the story darker or changes the happy ending, but the story doesn't have to be darker and grittier unless you want it to be!

Want some examples of fractured fairy tales? Try these YA novels:

Cinder by Marissa Meyer
Ash by Malinda Lo
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
Beast by Brie Spangler
Forest of a Thousand Lanterns by Julie C. Dao
A Whole New World by Liz Braswell

Pick a Fairy Tale

Choose the fairy tale you want to "fracture," and look it up so you know how the original story goes. Here are some possibilities:

Beauty & the Beast
Cinderella
The Emperor's New Clothes
The Frog Prince
Goldilocks & the Three Bears
Hansel & Gretel
Jack & the Beanstalk
The Little Mermaid
Puss in Boots
The Princess & the Pea
Rapunzel
Rumpelstiltskin
Sleeping Beauty
Snow White & the Seven Dwarves
Snow White & Rose Red
The Three Little Pigs
The Three Billy Goats Gruff
The Twelve Dancing Princesses

Which fairy tale will you fracture? _____

Choose your Twist: Come up with a "What If" for your story! For example:

- Tell the story from a different character's perspective! What about a minor character's perspective? Or the villain's?
- What if an event in the original story turns out differently? How does the tale change? For example, what if the miller's daughter kept her promise to Rumpelstiltskin?
- What if a character from the original story has a different personality? For example, what if the Evil Queen is actually good, and it's Snow White who is the villain?
- Change the setting! What if the fairy tale happens in the modern day, or the future?
- Change the ending! What if there isn't a happily ever after, or the happily ever after turns out differently? Or write about happens after the original fairy tale ends!

How will you twist the fairy tale you picked?_____

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Characters

Who are your characters? How are they similar or different from the original story? Describe your main protagonists and antagonists and the role they play in your story: _____

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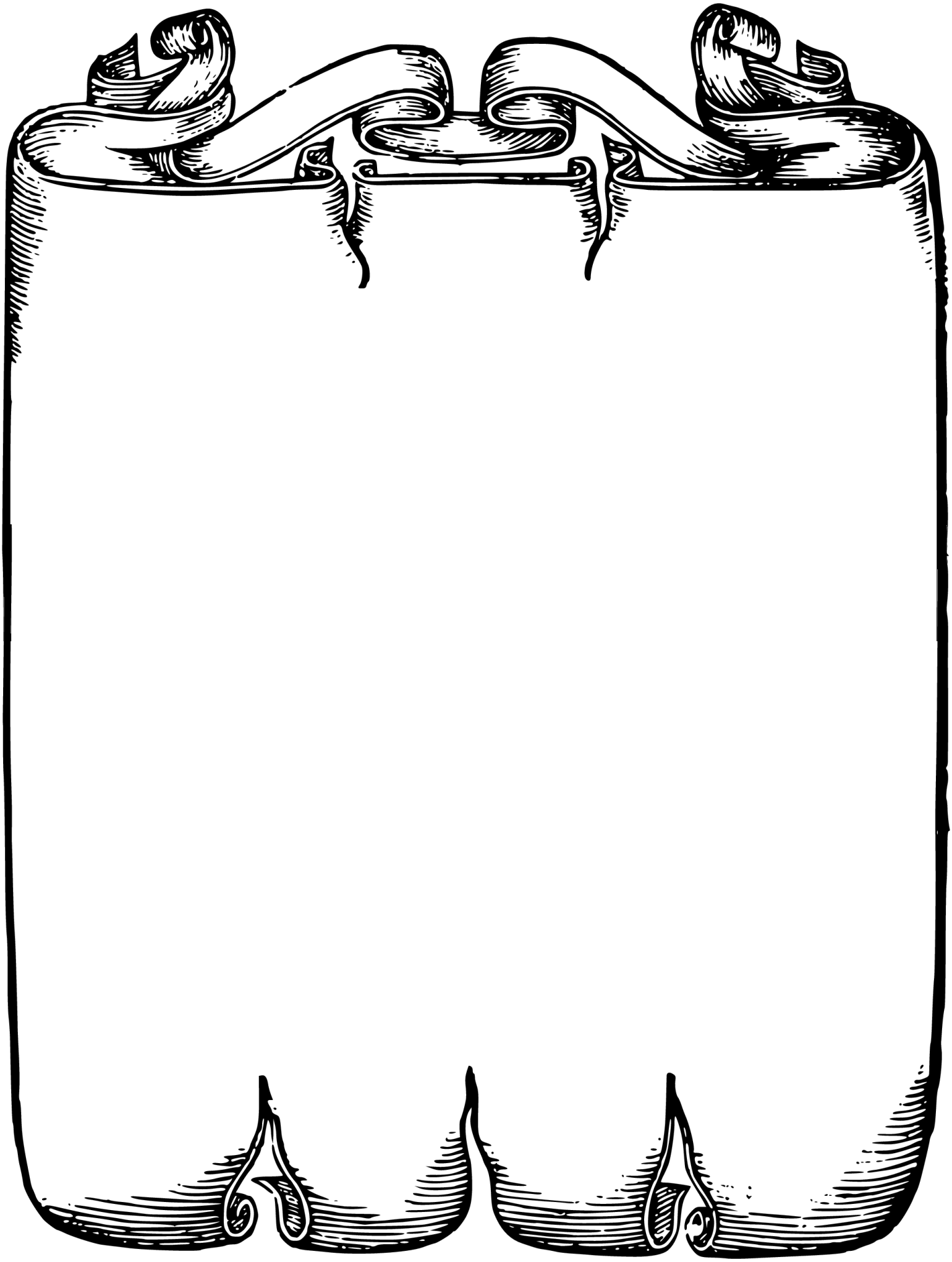
Outline Your Story

Beginning & Introduction:

Rising Action:

Climax:

Resolution & Conclusion:

Now you can write or draw out your full story, or stop here!

Email a picture/file of your Fairy Tale to aanderson@wclibrarytn.org or drop it off at either library by July 22 to earn 25 Battle for the Library points! If you submit it by June 19 you'll also be entered into a prize drawing! Make sure to include your full name with your submission.