

Laugh at the remix.

Discover the original. Keep reading.

25 Popular Fairy Tales – Gen Z-A Style retells 25 classic fairy tales in one page each, in the voice kids actually use: slang, emoji, jokes, and a moral at the end. The goal is simple. Get kids curious enough to go read the real thing.

Why it works with reluctant readers

- **One page per story.** Each tale takes 2-3 minutes, so a kid finishes something fast and wants the next one.
- **It speaks their language.** "Glow-up", "NPC" and "main character energy" make Cinderella feel like their own story.
- **It's a bridge, not a replacement.** Every remix points back to a real classic by Grimm, Andersen, Perrault, Aesop or Baum.
- **Built-in discussion.** Every story ends with a moral that kids can debate, agree with or rewrite.

A taste: Cinderella

"Then boom, Fairy Godmother drops in like, 'Enough of this NPC life. We're manifesting tonight.' ... Prince goes full FBI; finds her, and the slipper fits perfectly."

Moral: Stay kind, stay confident; karma's got receipts.

15-minute classroom activity: Fairy Tales Then & Now

1. **Read the remix (3 min).** Read one story aloud. Kids will laugh, and that's the hook.
2. **Read the original (5 min).** Read a short passage from the same tale in the Grimm, Andersen or Perrault version. Many are free at gutenberg.org.
3. **Spot the differences (4 min).** What stayed the same? What changed? Which ending is darker? (Spoiler: usually the original.)
4. **Flip it (3 min).** Kids rewrite one slang line in old-fashioned "once upon a time" language, or write their own moral.

Free printable: Read the Remix, Then Read the OG

A two-page reading challenge with 25 tales and 50 checkboxes. It lists the original title, author and year for every story, plus "OG plot twists" to spark curiosity (did you know Goldilocks was originally an old woman?). Free to copy for class and library use.

25

one-page tales

8-12

core reading age

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