



Teacher's Guide for Treehouse Tours

Treehouse's Favorite Fairy Tales tour will introduce students to the fun of fairy tales and legends through exploration of the Museum's *One World Village* exhibit, and through stories, art and artifacts.

Prior to Your Visit, We Suggest You:

Introduce students to fairy tales and reading stories by fairy tale authors like the Brothers Grimm, Hans Christian Andersen, or Charles Perrault. You may want to make familiar these authors by setting up a classroom display of their books and stories. Talk about fantasy and magic in fairy tales and discuss fairy tales as hero stories with heroes big and small who conquer an "evil-doer" to live "happily ever after."

There are also some beautifully illustrated storybooks available:

Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm

Rapunzel retold and illustrated by Alix Bernezy

Seven Tales by the Brothers Grimm retold and illustrated by Eric Carle

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs retold by Randall Jarell and illustrated by Nancy E. Burkert

Hans Christian Andersen

The Princess and the Pea adapted and illustrated by Janet Stephens

The Snow Queen illustrated by Mary Engelbreit

The Ugly Duckling adapted and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Charles Perrault

Puss in Boots illustrated by Fred Marcellino and translated by Malcom Arthur

Cinderella retold by Amy Ehrlich and illustrated by Susan Jeffers

During Your Visit:

Students will explore Treehouse's *One World Village* exhibit through a brief discussion of the structure of a fairy tale and the countries that many of our favorite fairy tales come from. Additionally, tour guides will conduct a fairy tale ParticiPlay™ activity in the Treehouse Theater, and an art activity inspired by the magic of fairy tales. Your visit will also include up to 25 minutes of exploration time for students to explore the Museum's exhibits in small groups with their adult chaperones.

After Your Visit we Suggest You:

1. Read *Red Riding Hood* or *Cinderella* and act it out at school.
2. Encourage students to write a modern fairy tale, either their own or a modernized or "fractured fairy tale," or create one as a class.
3. Have a class Fairy Tales party, where students come dressed (or make their own mask or hat) as a character in a fairy tale or legend and every one else must guess who they are.
4. Have a Hansel and Gretel Day and make Gingerbread Houses, either with graham crackers or with paper.

Treehouse School Tours are designed to assist teachers in meeting state and national core objectives in Fine Arts, including Theater and Visual Arts, Language Arts, and Social Studies. Please contact us if you have questions about how Treehouse's curriculum meshes with your curriculum.



Treehouse Museum is a nonprofit, educational organization whose mission is to be the magical place where children and families "Step into a Story."

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