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**What’s so Grimm about the Grimms?**

* **Using the www.nationalgeographic.com/grimm website, read the biography by Thomas O’Neill titled, “Guardians of the Fairy Tale: The Brothers Grimm” and answer the following questions before reading at least a couple of the Grimm brothers’ stories. You can access the bio in the treasure chest under the Magazine Article link.**

1. **How does the story of the Grimm brothers begin—their early childhood?**
2. **What is the name of their first collection of stories and when was it published? How many stories were there in this first edition?**
3. **Briefly describe how widespread the Grimm brothers’ stories have become (languages, other cultures, etc.)**
4. **Which other children’s story authors have the Grimm brothers influenced?**
5. **Fill-in: “All of us need these stories to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**
6. **Were the first editions aimed at children? What was their early intent as authors?**
7. **What were some of the early reviews like?**
8. **How have the Grimm tales been used as propaganda and interpreted over the years? One specific example will do.**
9. **What were the Grimm brothers like as students (ages 13 and 12)? What were their differences as adults?**
10. **What are some of the Germanic/Teutonic elements in the Grimm stories? (Be sure to mention the “Wald.”)**
11. **What was the final fairy tale in their collection?**

Now you are ready to read at least two “unvarnished” versions of their tales.

* Go to [www.nationalgeographic.com/grimm](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/grimm)
* Click “Tell me a story.”
* Choose any two of the twelve stories (OR you can visit a Grimm Bros. website for many, many other stories—the Pitt edu. site is very good)
* Write a summary and reaction for each story.
* I am most interested in your reaction. What did you think of it? Was it what you expected? Why or why not?

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Summary—Story 2—Title:

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