Comparing and Contrasting Fairy Tales—Model

Look at the examples below. They show you how to compare two fairy tale characters using a Venn diagram. Study this model before you begin to work on comparing female protagonists on the next page.

The Wolf (Little Red Riding Hood)  The Big Bad Wolf (The Three Pigs)

How We Compare Them:

Appearance
The Wolf is wearing grandmother’s clothing.

Motivations
Deception – the Wolf pretends to be Little Red Riding Hood’s grandmother to control her.

Tactics
Big teeth
Hunger – both wolves are looking for a tasty meal.

Degree of Success
Both fail and are not able to capture their next meal the way they thought they would.

Physical strength – the wolf uses the power of his lungs to try and blow the pigs’ houses down.
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As a class, we will compare and contrast the main character of The Grimm Brothers’ Cinderella with The Paper Bag Princess in the Venn diagram. Look at the samples for comparing them by appearance and background below. Then fill in the Venn diagram with similarities and differences for personality, perspective, and actions.

Fairy Tale #1: Cinderella
Fairy Tale #2: The Paper Bag Princess

How to Compare Them:

- Appearance
- Background
- Motivations
- Tactics
- Degree of Success

Both dressed like the poor
Born poor

Born a princess