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*When Americans think of fairy tales, Disney is an idea commonly associated with these fantastic stories of far-away lands. Damsels in distress are saved by their knights in shining armor before riding into the sunset towards their happily ever after. These common connotations provide children with entertainment, but these tales are often far from their original telling.*

**Background Information:**

Jacob Grimm was born in Hanau, Germany, on January 4, 1785. With his brother Wilhelm, he began collecting traditional German folk tales, publishing their first volume, Children and Household Tales, in 1812. While many of these stories are still well known today-"Cinderella" and "Little Red Riding Hood" among them-their long-critiqued violence and frankness have been toned down over the years in more familiar versions. After a long career as an academic and librarian, Jacob died in 1863.

**Your Task:**

Read the Grimm fairy tale you have chosen and compare it to Disney’s version. You will create a Venn Diagram Poster that outlines the similarities and differences between the two stories. These Venn Diagrams must include pictures so that we can *see* the difference. Once you have created your Venn Diagram, you will write an expository essay explaining the Disney Dilemma and the inherent differences between the two stories.

**Here is a checklist to keep you on track:**

* Read the Grimm fairy tale in class
* Watch the Disney movie at home
* Create a Venn Diagram or power point presentation outlining similarities and differences
  + Must include quotes from Grimm
  + Must include pictures
  + Must have a title
* Write a three-page expository essay on the differences between Grimm and Disney
  + Must include an introduction with a thesis statement
  + Must have *at least*  five body paragraphs
  + Must have a conclusion