



# Mixed Media Fairy Tales

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Name:

**Objective:** You will pick a fairy tale and illustrate it using mixed media/photo montage techniques.

**Frameworks Objective(2.17):** Students will use electronic technology for reference and for creating original work.



**Mixed Media:** Using a series of different mediums in one piece of art. More specifically for this project: photocopies/printouts as well as painting and drawing techniques.

**Fairy Tales:** Stories typically told to children including creatures such as fairies, elves, goblins, royal kings and queens, mermaids or magic. Fairy Tales can most often be identified by a happy ending. The lines are often blurred between moral tales, fairy tales and folklore however, and for the sake of this project I will not be strict about which tale you choose.

**Materials:** Bristol board, b+w printouts of photos, elmers glue, brushes, water-color

## Overview:

**Photomontage:** Using a series of found images to compose a new and interesting piece. Repurposing the original photos to be part of a larger and sometimes more bizarre composition. This assignment is designed to strengthen your ability to compose an interesting picture.

**Glazing:** Using paint transparently to apply color without losing detail.



## Demos:

1. Choosing stock photos for illustration
2. Composing picture with photo pieces
3. Gluing pieces down
4. Painting illustration with glazing techniques.

Having trouble thinking of a few of your favorites from childhood? If you recall some Disney movies, that may help. There are also fairy tale books in the classroom library to refer to. Lastly, don't be afraid to do some research- there are many obscure tales that would astound you by how bizarre they are. Here are a few ideas: *Brother and Sister, Hansel and Gretel, The Snow Queen, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, Princess and the Pea.*

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## Use the following steps...

- Sketch preliminary ideas for homework.
- Go online and find images:
  1. Image for background
  2. Image for characters
  3. Image for props(Make sure they are all at least 500px or more when you roll over the image).
- Print all in black and white.
- Apply background image to board with glue. Crop board with x-acto to the edges of background photo.(DEMO)
- Cut out and apply characters and props on top of background with glue.
- Glaze with color using watercolor (DEMO).

## Assessment:

- Effort: **25 points**
- Demonstrates a mastery of mixed media gluing techniques: **10 pts**
- Photos are of appropriate resolution and clarity (500 px or more): **10 pts**
- Composition includes foreground, middle ground, and background: **10 pts**
- Mastered glazing techniques: **10 pts**
- Creates original characters from photos of *people*. (No established cartoon characters please. Ex. Disney's Rapunel): **10 pts**
- Used care with art materials: **25 pts**





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# Mixed Media Fairy Tales: Homework

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1. Why might mixed media with print outs be especially useful for composing a fairy tale image? *(15 pts)*
2. Why do you think it's important to use watercolor (a transparent medium) to color your photo montages as opposed to a more opaque color?*(15 pts)*
3. Why is it essential to the aesthetic to use black and white photos? *(15pts)?*
4. Do a little research and think of three potential fairy tales that you would like to use for this assignment. List them below. *(15 pts)*
5. Make 3 thumbnail sketches for your composition to use as a guide while you collage your pieces. *(20 pts)*
6. Go online and google some images. Print the following out in black and white.
  - An image for your background. Roughly the size of a regular sheet of paper. 8x11”
  - Images for your character. Remember you're illustrating this fairy tale to make it different than everything that's alright out there. So, **no using established Disney cartoons.**
  - Various scene elements if you need them. Ex: tables, chairs, etc. *(20 pts)*

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The numbers on the bottom of the image are where it shows the resolution. The numbers should be above 500.

