

Once Upon a Crime



Fairy tales can teach us a lot about criminal and civil law. Really ... just think about it for a minute. These stories are FULL of crimes and torts! And the characters in these fairy tales are waiting for their day in court. This is their day, my friends. This is their day.

Each group will choose a fairy tale – Goldilocks, Hansel & Gretel, Jack and the Bean Stalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Pinocchio, Rapunzel, Rumpelstiltskin, Snow White, The Gingerbread Man, or The Three Little Pigs. Read over the fairy tale to make sure you remember the details (it's probably been a while since you've heard the story).

Then prepare a detailed presentation on a Post It Pad with your responses to the following questions:

CRIMINAL LAW

Determine what crimes were allegedly committed in the fairy tale.

1. List ALL of the crimes and who committed them;
2. Indicate what type of crime each one is (crime against a person, realty, etc.);
3. Show that the 3 elements of a crime are present in each crime;
4. Provide a possible defense for each crime. Also, tell what the possible punishment is.
5. WHAT'S YOUR VERDICT?

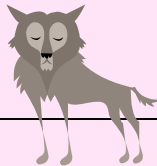


CIVIL LAW

Determine what torts were allegedly committed in the fairy tale.

1. List the torts (what could someone sue for) and who the parties would be in the law suit;
2. Indicate what type of tort each one is (intentional, negligence, strict liability);
3. Show that the 4 elements of a tort are present in each tort;
4. Provide a possible defense for each tort. Also, tell what the character could sue for.
5. WHAT'S YOUR VERDICT?

REFERENCE GUIDE



TYPES OF CRIMES

ELEMENTS: DUTY, BREACH, CRIMINAL INTENT

CRIMES AGAINST A PERSON

Assault, Battery, Kidnapping, Rape, Murder 123, Voluntary/Involuntary Manslaughter

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Larceny/Theft, Robbery, Embezzlement, False Pretenses, Extortion/Blackmail, Bribery, Forgery/Bad Checks, Receiving Stolen Property

CRIMES AGAINST GOVERNMENT & COURTS

Treason, Tax Evasion, Perjury

CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE & ORDER

Rioting, Disorderly Conduct, Illegal Speeding

CRIMES AGAINST REALTY

Burglary, Arson, Criminal Trespass

CRIMES AGAINST DECENCY

Obscenity, Bigamy, Prostitution



TYPES OF TORTS

ELEMENTS: DUTY, BREACH, INJURY, CAUSATION

COMMON INTENTIONAL TORTS

Assault & Battery
False Imprisonment
Defamation
Invasion of Privacy
Trespass to Land
Conversion
Interference with Contractual Relations
Fraud

TORTS OF NEGLIGENCE

Negligence

STRICT LIABILITY TORTS

Strict Liability

