



Snow White

The Brothers Grimm wrote down many popular tales in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. These include tales such as Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and Rapunzel. People had told versions of these tales for centuries. Here is the story of one of them.

Once upon the time a king and queen ruled over a happy kingdom. The queen wished for a daughter that had skin as white as snow, lips as red as blood, and hair as black as ebony. Her wish came true, and the baby was named Snow White. But the queen died after giving birth to the child, and the king married again.

The new queen was beautiful but also very cruel. She wanted to be the most beautiful woman in the kingdom. She often asked her magic mirror, "Mirror! Mirror on the wall! Who's the fairest of them all?" The mirror answered, "You are, your majesty." But one day the mirror replied, "Snow White is fairer than you." The wicked queen was angry and jealous. So she ordered her huntsman to take Snow White to the forest and kill her. But the man felt sorry for Snow White and set her free.

Snow White ran as fast as she could into the forest, and she came upon a cottage. There was nobody there, but the table had been set for seven, and there were seven tiny beds in the bedrooms. After she had cooked and eaten, Snow White cleaned the house and lay down to rest. At night, the seven dwarfs who lived in the cottage came home and found her there sleeping. When she woke up, she told them her story, and the dwarfs agreed to let her stay. Every morning the dwarfs went off to the mountains looking for gold, and in the evening when they came back home, Snow White had a delicious meal ready for them.

One day the queen learned from her mirror that Snow White was alive and living with the dwarfs in the forest. She was furious. The queen was actually a witch, so she disguised herself as a beggar and went looking for Snow White. The dwarfs had told Snow White not to open the door to stranger, However, Snow White felt sorry the old woman at the door and let her in. The queen gave her a shiny apple that she had poisoned. When Snow White bit the apple, she fell to the ground, motionless and apparently dead.

The dwarfs were overcome with grief and sadness when they found Snow White lying on the floor. They put her in a glass coffin and kept her in the cottage. One day a prince came past the cottage and saw Snow White in her coffin. He was enchanted by her beauty and kissed her. The kiss broke the spell, and Snow White came alive again! The prince married her and they lived happily ever after.

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1. Who wrote the fairy tale "Snow White"?

2. What did Snow White look like?

3. What happened to the queen after Snow White had been born?
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4. What did the huntsman do when he was ordered to kill Snow White?
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5. How did the new queen know that Snow White was the most beautiful girl?
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6. How many dwarfs were in the story?

7. Where did Snow White live after she escaped from the queen?
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8. Whom did Snow White live?

9. Whom did the king marry again?

10. Was the new queen kind?

11. Why was the new queen angry?

12. What had Snow White done before the dwarves arrived home?
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13. Did Snow White die after she had bitten an apple?

14. What did the seven dwarves do every day?

15. Was the wicked queen the witch?

16. Where did the dwarves put Snow White after she died?

17. How could the prince help Snow Whit come to life again?
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18. What did the old woman give to Snow White?

19. Did the seven dwarfs warn Snow White not to talk to strangers? _____

20. What was the effect of biting the apple? _____