Prompt/Subject: Over time, we have experienced many versions of folklore and fairy tales. Many have been altered, or rewritten by various authors. Why have fairy tales been altered, or changed, over the years?

You must also address the following:
a) What are the differences found throughout Fairy Tales we know today, compared to their original story line? b) Why do you think so many changes have been made? c) Have Fairy Tales lost their meanings/messages?

In this essay, the students will formulate their thoughts about why fairy tales have been altered for present generations. (a-c). These three main idea sentences should be developed into body paragraphs for an expository essay explaining the changes from the original story line to their current story line. It is the student’s goal to create an effective paper with a strong controlling idea (aka Thesis) and end with an impactful wrap-up (Conclusion); convincing their reader of the importance of their thesis by providing an understanding of the changes that their reader can embrace.

Remember that this is an Expository essay and cannot contain any fiction. In addition, it can be styled in a persuasive manner by amplifying ideas and concepts targeting their solutions. Ask yourself the following:

1. Do I have a clear focus statement?
2. Did I include the subtopics in my body paragraphs?
3. Did I use explanations and examples?
4. Does my voice sound knowledgeable and interested?
5. Is my essay geared towards a specific audience?
6. Do my ideas and solutions sound feasible (possible)?

The following items will be needed with your final typed draft:

11-Minute Essay Brainstorming Sheet
Complete Graphic Organizer
Rough Draft (Summary)
Peer Revision Sheet
Final Draft on 26-Line Paper
The complete essay will be graded utilizing the STAAR scale and must have a minimum of 5-7 sentences per paragraph:

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0 = 60 \quad 1 = 70 \quad 2 = 80 \quad 3 = 90 \quad 4 = 100
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*If paragraphs have less than 5-7 sentences, 10 points will be automatically deducted. Be sure to avoid repetition and use of word count “fillers”, since this will devalue the overall scoring of your essay.

*If any necessary attached document is excluded, a 5 point deduction will be taken from your overall grade. Pencils are allowed; be sure to erase any stray marks and to press firmly onto the paper so that all letters are clear and concise.

*Potential point deductions are applicable. Read your syllabus.

*STAAR Grading Rubric has been posted to class website.