

### OPENING AND ENDING LINES

"Once upon a time." "Long ago..."

"and they lived happily ever after."

### GOOD AND EVIL CHARACTERS

Hero/Heroine: described as kind and good natured; often find themselves in unfair situations.

Villain: sometimes a witch or sorceress, dabbling in the dark arts, or it could be a gnome or monster.

### MAGIC

Include a fantasy, magical or supernatural element. Don't have to include fairies.

Magic elements can be: talking animals who befriend the hero or heroine; everyday objects which are alive; magical people (e.g. fairies, witches).

Include such magical characters as fairies, trolls, elves and goblins.

Magic can have positive or negative effects.

# FAIRY TALES

### ROYALTY

Usually feature royal settings or characters; often a castle, queen or king mentioned within the story. Sometimes, the heroine is a missing princess.

Many of the heroines in fairy tales end up living "happily ever after" with a kind and handsome prince that rescues them.

### PROBLEM AND SOLUTION

The plot focuses on a problem that must be solved.

Obstacles or challenges for the hero- often helped by characters along the way.

The whole story revolves around that problem.

Happy endings when problem is resolved.

### UNIVERSAL LESSON

Fairy tales provide lessons on some sort of universal truth.

Goodness prevails.

Can be focused on coming of age, love, dreams and hope.

Shows that the kind hero or heroine can win in the face of adversity.