

**Presents:** 



# Gordon Gumshoe, Fairy Tale Detective

#### **Teacher Guidelines**

Fantasy Theatre Factory's Teacher Guidelines incorporate and support Florida Sunshine State Standards.

#### About The Show

Poor old Granny can't tell you her favorite fairy tales because someone is stealing all the fairytale props! Bread crumbs, magic beans, a basket of goodies, a glass slipper are all missing! Fairy tale characters are confused and blaming each other. The future of the fairy tale world is at stake and it's up to the title character to set things right.

Gordon Gumshoe, Fairy Tale Detective, is out to solve his toughest case ever. With detective reasoning, Gordon sets out to locate the Mysterious Figure who's been pilfering all the props! Is it Papa Bear? There's plenty of audience participation and lots of laughs for junior detectives-grades K-5. Students and teachers can use this fairytale spoof as a great jumping off spot for creative writing experiences.



### **About Fairy Tales**

Contrary to their name, fairy tales are *not* just stories about fairies! Mystical stories of magic and enchantment have been used to teach children for centuries. Fantasy Theatre Factory is proud to present Gordon Gumshoe Fairy Tale Detective by Steph Deferie, which weaves dozens fairy tale stories together in a theatrical tapestry of mystery and fun.

By *mis*placing familiar characters into new dramatic situations "Gordon Gumshoe" creates the perfect launch pad for comprehensive studies not only in **theatre arts** but also in **reading, language, math**-even **science** and **social studies**! These Teacher Guidelines demonstrate various methods that can be used to incorporate *Gordon Gumshoe Fairy Tale Detective* into the classroom curriculum. After watching *Gordon Gumshoe* and exploring the activities in these guidelines, we're sure your class will agree that theatre equals education and fun!



Gordon Gumshoe Fairy Tale Detective incorporates stories usually attributed to the famous German storytelling duo known as the Brothers Grimm. Professors Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm did not create these stories; but they did record folklore from around the world that was passed down for generations. The Brothers Grimm compiled 86 local German legends and fairy tales into their first volume of <a href="Kinder-und Hausmärchen">Kinder-und Hausmärchen</a> published in 1812. Ultimately, more stories were collected resulting in eight published editions of <a href="Kinder-und Hausmärchen">Kinder-und Hausmärchen</a> containing 200 folktales and 10 children's legends.

HANSEL & GRETEL CHARACTERS LINE-UP





### **Before The Show**

#### **Class Discussion:**

- Can you name any Fairy tales? Who are the characters in those fairy tales?
- What is a Detective? What does a detective do? Can you think of another word for Detective?
- What is a mystery?



#### **The Changing Play**

- Have the class sit as though they were a grown up audience watching a play.
- Have them change their reactions as the imaginary play changes from comedy, drama, Horror, Musical etc.
- Ask the class to pretend to be a bad audience that is distracting and impolite.
   Then ask them to behave correctly.
- Discuss the difference and create a plan together for appropriate theater behavior.

#### Sunshine State Standards Addressed:

1st Grade:

TH.1.S.1.In.a Identify audience behavior required to attend a theatrical performance.

#### **Problem Solvers!**

Ask your junior detectives to use their deductive detective reasoning to solve these Fairy Tale mathematical mysteries. Challenge your sleuths to create their own mathematic mysteries using their favorite fairy tale characters from "Gordon Gumshoe Fairy Tale Detective".



- 1.) Snow White is 18 years old today. If she takes a bite out of the poison apple and falls asleep for five years, how old will she be when she wakes up to the Prince's kiss? (23 years old) What year will it be? (Answers will vary) If the Prince will be 25 when he wakes Snow white how old is he today? (20 years old)
- 2.) Half of the residents of the Magic Kingdom are maidens. If the Magic Kingdom has a population of 844, how many women will the Prince have to visit in order to try the slipper on every maiden that lives in the Kingdom? (422 maidens) How many toes will he have to slip into the slipper? (2110 toes) If two maidens live in every house, how many houses will the Prince have to visit? (211 houses)
- 3.) Little Red Riding Hood must get to Granny's house, which is ten miles into the forest. If she leaves at 8:00am and walks 2 miles per hour how long will her walk take? (5 Hours) What time will she arrive at Granny's? (1:00pm) If the Big Bad Wolf stops her half way through how far will she get? (5 miles) What time will Red Riding Hood meet the Big Bad Wolf? (10:30am)

#### Sunshine State Standards Addressed:

1st Grade:

MA.1.A.1.Pa.b Solve problems involving small quantities of objects or actions using language.





#### Search the Globe!

Children all over the planet enjoy hearing and telling stories of magic and enchantment. Gordon Gumshoe Fairy Tale Detective mentions stories from around the globe; can you find their places of origin on a map of the world?

China - Cinderella Greece - Beauty and the Beast Germany - Hansel and Gretel Italy - Sleeping Beauty

England - Goldilocks and the Ireland - Snow White and the Seven

Three Bears Dwarves

France - Little Red Riding Hood Asia - Jack and The Beanstalk

#### Sunshine State Standards Addressed:

Kindergarten:

SS.K.G.3.In.a Recognize basic landforms, such as hills and forests.

1st Grade:

SS.1.G.1.In.d Identify land and water on a map and globe, such as by using the color key—blue is water, and green/brown is land.





## **C.S.I Fairy Tale Forest!**

Calling all Detectives! The props to your favorite fairy tales have been stolen! Can you help Detective Gordon Gumshoe and draw a line to match the prop to its proper fairy tale title?



Magic mirror Jack and the Beanstalk



Basket of Goodies Hansel and Gretel



Bowl of Porridge Goldie Locks and the Three Bears



Magic Beans Cinderella



Spinning Wheel and Spindle Little Red Riding Hood



Magic Rose Snow White



Breadcrumbs Beauty and The Beast



**Sleeping Beauty** 

**Glass Slipper** 

#### **Magic Beans!**

**Beans and seeds really are magical!** First, read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk as a class.

- Fill a clean soup can, yogurt container or coffee can with soil then plant some green bean seeds according to package directions.
- Cover with plastic wrap and place in a sunny location. Keep the soil moist but not too wet!
- Once your beanstalk sprouts, gently insert a 6-9 inch thin branch or stick in the pot for support.
- Have each student cut out a picture or drawing of themselves and tape to the top of the branch climbing the beanstalk.
- Plant some Jelly beans in one of your containers and compare your results.

\*Read more Fairy Tales then try planting pumpkins for Cinderella's carriage, a Rose for Beauty and the Beast or some Lettuce like Rapunzel (also called Rampion).

#### Sunshine State Standards Addressed:

1st Grade:

SC.1.L.17.Su.a Observe and recognize that plants and animals need water.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

SC.3.L.14.In.a Identify the major parts of a plant, including seed, root, stem, leaf, and flower, and their functions. SC.3.L.14.In.b Identify behaviors of plants that show they are growing.

## **Vocabulary**

Audience People who listen and watch the play

Cast A collective term for the actors who perform the play.
Clue Something that leads to the solution of a mystery

Character Someone portrayed in a play

Detective Someone who investigates crimes and collects evidence.

Evidence Data that leads to a solution of a mystery

Fairy Tale *A fictitious fanciful story* 

Mystery Something not fully understood
Performance Acting out the play for the audience.

Porridge A cereal, like oatmeal, served hot with milk.
Prop An object an actor holds in their hands.

Script The written story that is performed by the actors.

Sleuth Another word for detective.
Stage Where the play is performed.

Wicked Morally bad



## **Gordon Gumshoe, Fairy Tale Detective**



#### **Teacher Evaluation**

Fantasy Theatre Factory is always evolving and growing, and we count on feedback from you, teachers, administrators, and students to help us move in directions where there is need. We would especially like to know which elements of the program were of value, interest, and significance to you and your students. What do your students remember most about the performance? Are there other books/stories that you would like to see offered through our In-school programs for future years? Please take a moment to fill in this evaluation sheet:

School	Grade Level	
Name, Position		
How did you hear about us?		
Your Comments:		
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Thank you for taking the time to fill out this form. Furthermore, we welcome letters, essays, and drawings from your students. Please enclose them and return to:

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We love fan mail! Let us know your favorite part and how much you enjoyed the show. You can even draw a picture. We cannot wait to hear from you!

Dear Fantasy Theatre Factory,

Your Friend,	
School:	Teacher:
Show:	Date:

## About Fantasy Theatre Factory

Fantasy Theatre Factory (FTF) is a professional touring theatre created in New York in 1977 by Ed Allen and Mimi Schultz, performing artists and teachers. FTF is currently headed by Producing Artistic Director Larry Fields. FTF presents theatre for diverse family audiences. FTF's 16 touring educational shows appeal to pre-school, elementary, family, adult and senior audiences. FTF shows cover themes of: Children's Literature, Reading, Ecology, Social Service, Black history, Bullying Prevention, Dance, English, and Music. FTF performs in rural and innercity schools, theatres, parks, hospitals, community centers, and more. In this manner, Fantasy Theatre Factory presents more than 300 Florida programs reaching over 140,000 people each year. Fantasy Theatre Factory's mission is to make more quality theatre programs available to more people.

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