



# COMMON ELEMENTS OF FAIRY TALES

1. A fairy tale begins with "Once upon a time..."
2. Fairy tales happen in the long ago.
3. Fairy Tales have fantasy and make believe in them.
4. Fairy Tales have clearly defined Good characters vs. Evil characters.
5. Royalty is usually present in a fairy tale, a beautiful princess/handsome prince.

**6.** There may be magic with giants, elves, talking animals, witches or fairies.

**7.** Fairy tales have a problem that needs to be solved.

**8.** It often takes three tries to solve the problem.

**9.** Fairy tales have happy endings – “they all lived happily ever after.”

**10.** Fairy tales usually teach a lesson or have a theme.

# Techniques of Satire:

- **Satire**: The use of humor, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices (flaw or weakness).
- **Exaggeration**: A statement that makes something worse or better than it really is.
- **Irony**: A figure of speech in which words are used in such a way that their intended meaning is different from the actual meaning of the words. Example: "The name of Brian's biggest dog is Tiny."
- **Humor**: A literary tool that makes the audience laugh or intends to induce amusement or laughter.
- **Parody**: An imitation of a writer, artist, subject, or genre in such a way as to make fun of or comment on the original work.
- **Reversal**: The sudden reversal of fortune in a story, play, or narrative in which there is an observable change in direction.