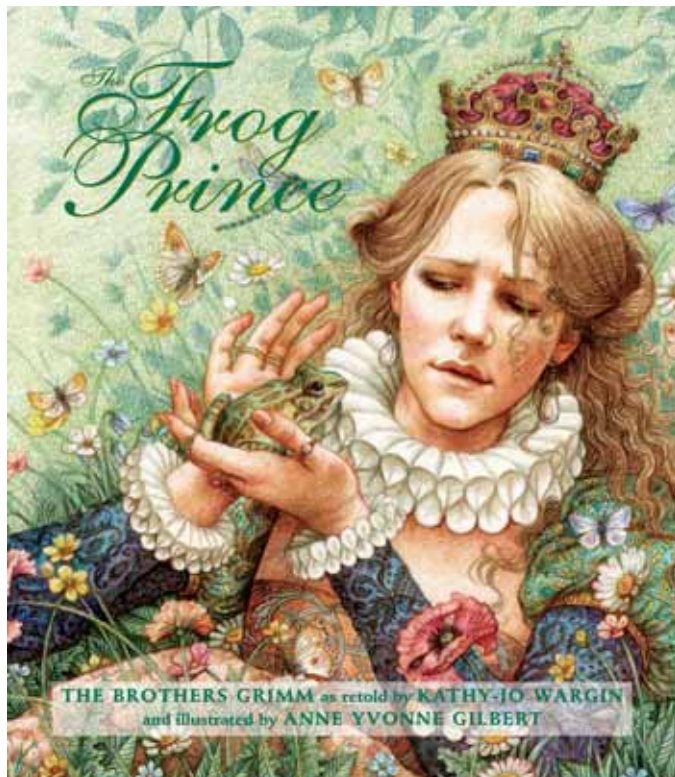


The Frog Prince



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Teacher and Parent Guide



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Notes from the Author



Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm's first publication of *Children's Stories and Household Tales* was in two volumes dated 1812 and 1815. Through the decades they revised editions culminating in a final revised edition dated 1857. In each edition these stories, originally collected from oral sources in Germany and written down by the Grimms, evolved with more descriptive language and ornamentation by the Grimms. This well-known collection, along with Charles Perrault's *Tales of Mother Goose*, published in 1697, and the British stories of Joseph Jacobs soon became the most well-known collection of fairy tales throughout the world.

In the Grimm's original notes and first edition were two stories. One was titled *The Frog Prince* and the other titled *The Frog King* or *Iron Henry*. *The Frog Prince* was included in only the first 1812 version of their tales, and *The Frog King*, revised with each edition that the Grimms put forth, was included in all of their editions. *The Frog Prince* was eliminated from the ensuing editions because of its similarities to *The Frog King*. When the first English translation of the Grimm's collection was done by Edgar Taylor in 1823, he combined elements of both stories and chose to name the story *The Frog Prince*. Over time, the first version of that tale from the original collection was nearly obsolete, and what was the *Frog King* or *Iron Henry* became most commonly referred to as *The Frog Prince*. As you compare versions throughout history you may see the titles used interchangeably.

The stories collected by the Grimms are fairy tales, which are a sub genre of folklore, a genre that also includes myths and legends. But fairy tales are very different from myths and legends. While most legends occur in a specific place and or time, fairy tales are not so specific. In *The Frog Prince*, the story occurs simply in a time when "wishing made things so." It is important to understand that fairy tales are born through the oral tradition, and once removed and written down, they become known as literary fairy tales. In the oral tradition, a storyteller often changes details as the same story is told, accounting for the age and specifics of the audience listening to the story. It is in similar fashion that literary fairy tales change through time as well.



Fairy Tale Elements



Fairy tales have common story elements. The following chart shows the story elements that are similar in all fairy tales. As you read the story *The Frog Prince*, put an X in each box where you find a common story element for this fairy tale.

The Frog Prince Story Elements	
Special beginning (“Once upon a time” or “Long ago”)	
Special Ending (“ <i>They lived happily ever after</i> ” or “ <i>They were free at last</i> ”)	
Royalty or a Castle Present	
Good Character	
Evil Character	
Magic Happens	
A Problem	
A Solution to the Problem	

Fairy Tale Outline



Name: _____

Now that you know the story elements that are in every fairy tale, it is your turn to write your own fairy tale! Use the graphic organizer below to brainstorm the story elements for your fairy tale.

_____ Fairy Tale Outline (Title)	
Special beginning ("Once upon a time" or "Long ago")	
Special Ending ("They lived happily ever after" or "They were free at last")	
Royalty or a Castle Present	

Fairy Tale Outline

(continued)



Good Character	
Evil Character	
Magic Happens	
A Problem	
A Solution to the Problem	

Fairy Tale Crown



Follow the directions to make your own prince or princess crown. Practice reading the story while wearing your crown. When you're ready, read the story *The Frog Prince* to a friend.

Materials Needed:

- Brown paper bag
- Construction paper of different colors
- Crayons and markers
- Beads (if desired)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Stapler



Directions:

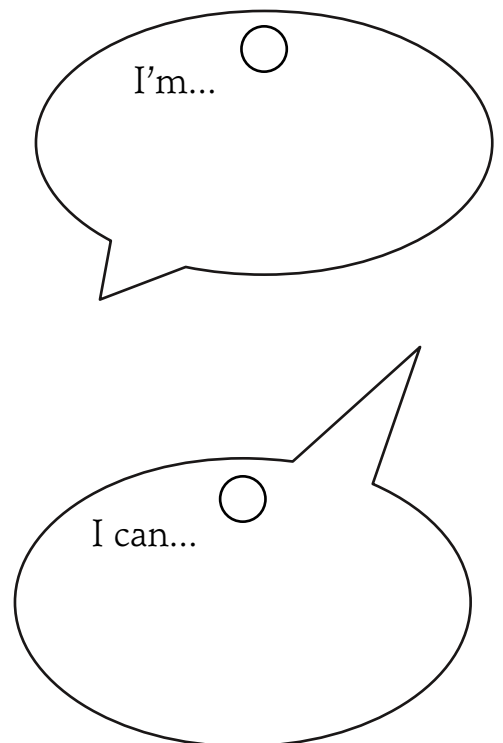
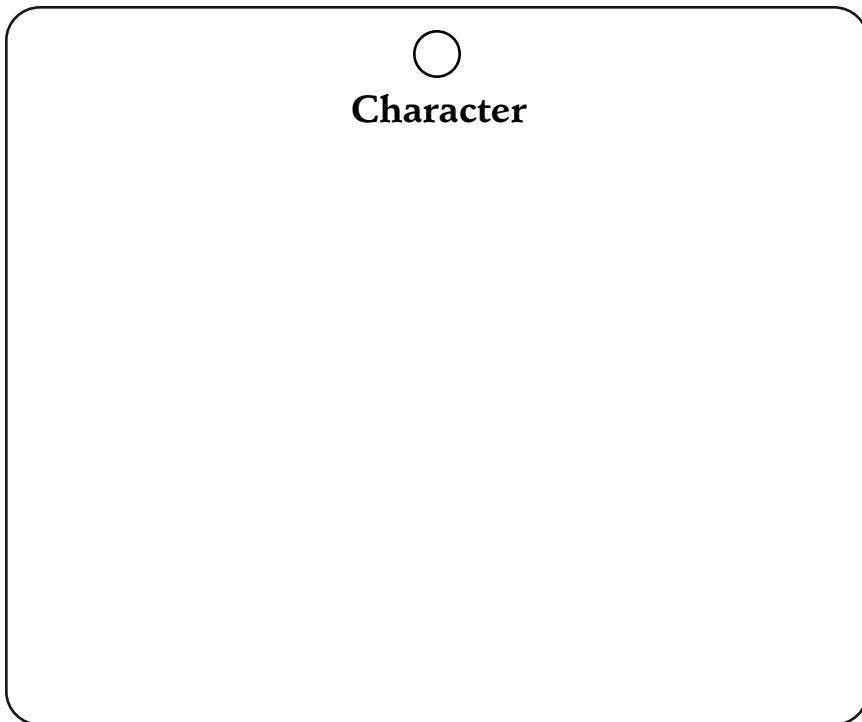
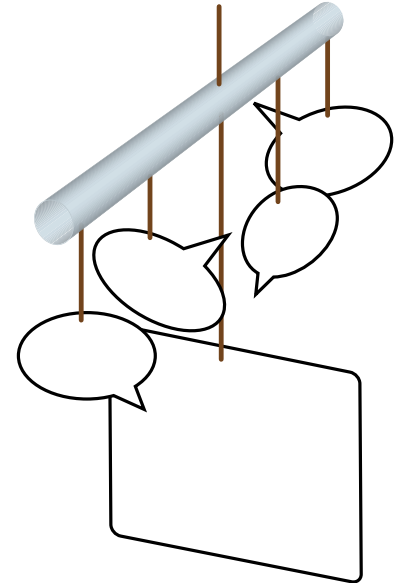
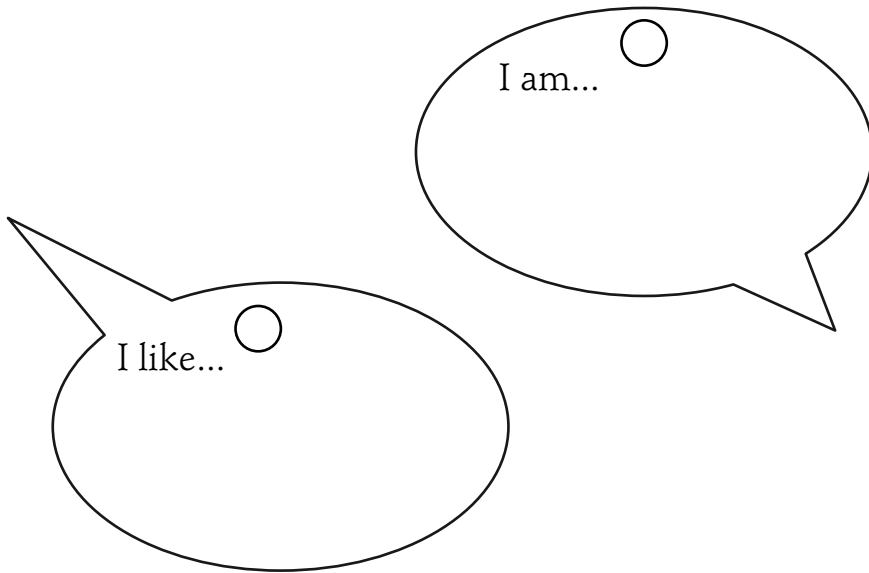
1. Using a paper bag, cut out a 4 in.x 15 in. strip.
2. On the top part of the strip, cut diagonal lines to make the top part of the crown.
3. Use construction paper, crayons, markers and beads to decorate your prince/princess crown.
4. Allow time to dry.
5. Staple the ends of the paper together.
6. Put on your head and read *The Frog Prince*!



Character Mobile



Think about your favorite character in the story *The Frog Prince*. Make the face below look like that character from the story. Then, fill in the bubbles with words that the character may say or think. Cut out the character face and the bubbles. Use yarn to tie the face and the bubbles to a drinking straw. You will have a character mobile!



Frog Life Cycle



A frog completes a whole cycle before actually becoming a frog. In this activity, you will sequence the order of the life cycle of a frog. Cut out the boxes and put them in the correct order. On each step in the cycle, draw a picture of what the frog would look like then. If you need help, check on the internet for the correct cycle!

The Life Cycle of a Frog

By _____

Growing Tadpole

The growing tadpole continues to grow and develops legs.



Frog Life Cycle

(continued)



Tadpoles

Tadpoles hatch from the eggs.
Tadpoles breathe through gills.

Adult Frog

The adult frog lives on land,
breathes through lungs, and has
no tail.

Froglet

Next the tadpole becomes a
froglet where it grows legs and
begins to breathe through lungs.

Eggs

The life cycle begins with the
eggs.

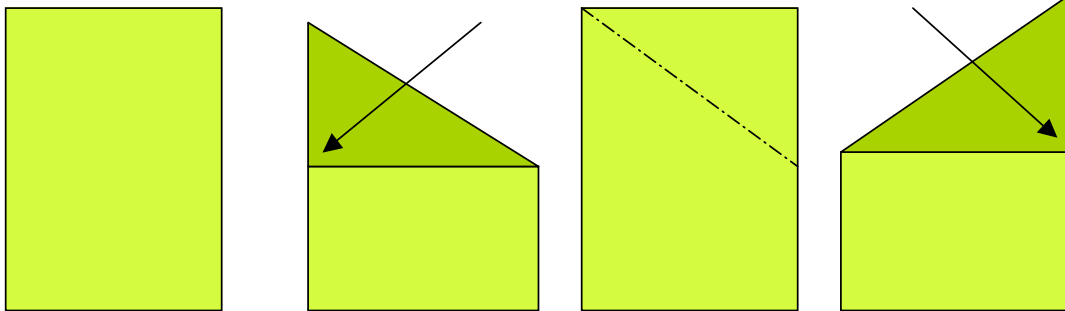
Jumping Frog Origami



Make your own jumping frog!

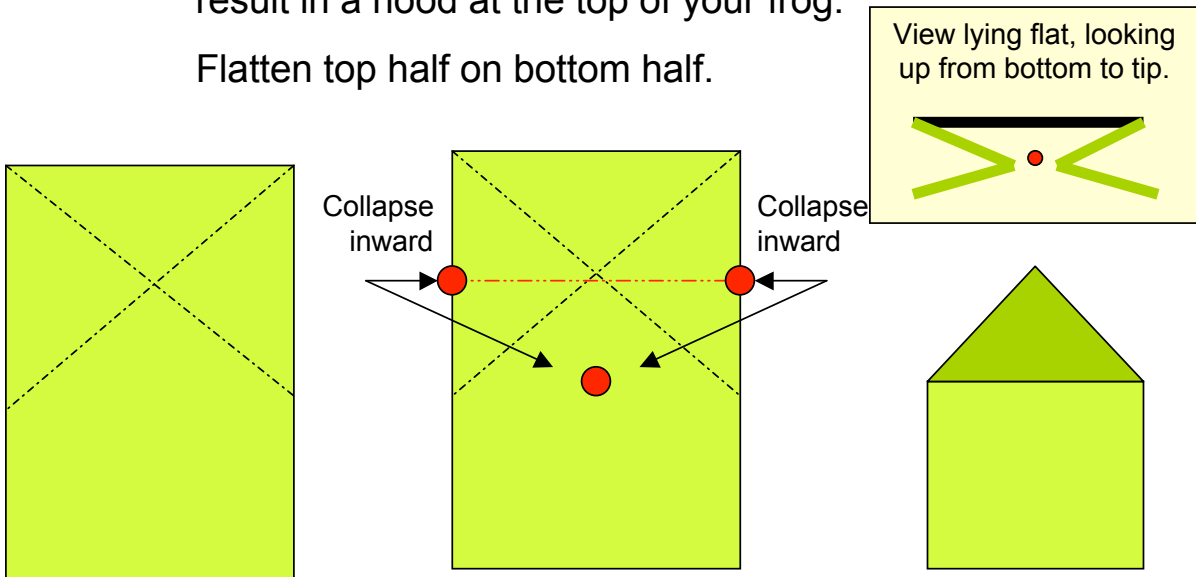
Directions to make an origami frog

Materials needed:
A small rectangular piece of paper



Collapse the sides into the center. This should result in a hood at the top of your frog.

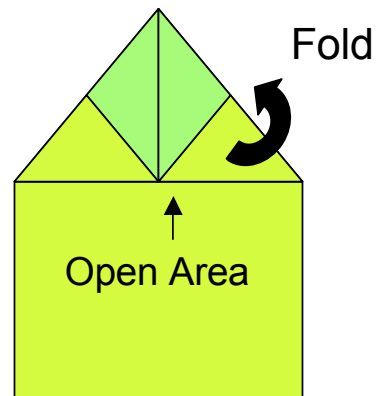
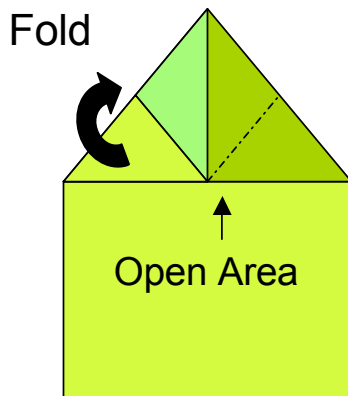
Flatten top half on bottom half.



Jumping Frog Origami (continued)



Fold left corner to top of point. Repeat with right side



Fold left side into middle. Repeat with right side.

