Disney Stereotypes Research Paper

Many critics have criticized Disney for not helping to break down stereotypes within our culture. They tend to glorify violence, embellish the representation of good and evil, degrade women, and negatively portray other cultures. For this topic, your task will be to find and analyze some of the stereotypes that exist in Disney movies. You will want to consult experts/critics who will help you find examples and explore why these stereotypes are so powerful. You may choose to focus on one stereotype for the whole paper (portrayal of women), or you may choose to focus on several (portrayal of women, race, and glorified violence, etc). In either case, you will need to thoroughly support your ideas with examples.

Process

For this paper you will need to get note cards to do the research for the paper. We will spend approximately one week researching for our papers and one week working on rough drafting and revising. The final paper will be due on the last day of the quarter.

Assessments

25 minimum note cards
Outline of paper
Rough Draft
Bibliography with a minimum of 6 sources
Final Draft

Writing Requirements

Length: 5-7 pages.

Sources: At least three. Your sources must meet the following minimum requirements:

- At least one source must come from *The Classic Fairy Tales*.
- At least one source must come from another book, magazines, or journals from the library
- At least 3 sources must come from one of the databases.
- At least 1 source must come from dictionaries and general-purpose encyclopedias or websites.
- The stories or films you use as the basis of your analysis do not count toward your source requirements for this paper.
- This is an academic paper and will require you to create a detailed and thorough thesis.
- No personal pronouns
- Proper citations are a must. Incorrect citations will dock one full grade level for each one done incorrectly.
- Your paper must contain at least 5 different sources cited within the paper.

These are, of course, the minimum requirements; you may use as many sources as are necessary to adequately explore your topic. Always keep in mind that the sources you use reflect on how seriously you approached your research, and you will be evaluated on the applicability and strength of the sources you choose for your paper.