



ACTIVITY:

SHARING & CREATING INTERNATIONAL FAIRY TALES



EXPLORE. COMBINE. CREATE. PERFORM.

Different stories,
shared human values.



A JOURNEY IN 4 STEPS:



1
SHARE
NATIONAL
FAIRY TALES



2
CREATE
YOUR
FAIRY TALE



3
PREPARE &
PERFORM



4
REFLECT &
DISCOVER
TOGETHER



ACTIVITY:

SHARING NATIONAL FAIRY TALES



YOUR TASK:

Share and explore traditional (folklore) fairy tales from your cultures.



IN MIXED GROUPS:

- Each person presents a fairy tale from their country
- (It should be a folklore tale, not an author's story)



WHEN SHARING, INCLUDE:



What is the story about?



Main characters and plot



Key ideas, values, or morals



Any symbols or archetypes



What it says about your culture



AS LISTENERS:



Be curious



Ask questions



Look for similarities and differences



GOAL:

Better understand each other's cultures and discover what makes them **unique** — and **similar** at the same time





ACTIVITY: CREATE YOUR INTERNATIONAL FAIRY TALE (+ AI TOOLS)



YOUR MISSION:

In your group, create an international fairy tale that combines elements from different cultures.

1 STEP 1 – SHARE & REMEMBER (QUICK RECAP)



- Recall the fairy tales shared in your group
- Think about:
 - main characters
 - symbols
 - values & morals

2 STEP 2 – CREATE YOUR STORY IDEA

Together, decide:

- What is your main idea of the story?
- What elements from each culture will you include?



3 STEP 3 – BUILD YOUR CHARACTERS



- Create your main hero (protagonist)
- (Optional) create an antagonist
- Think: what values do they represent?



4 STEP 4 – CREATE THE PLOT

Use a simple story structure (Hero's Journey):

- 1 Beginning: setting and atmosphere (where is this happening? who is the hero?)
- 2 Social context: the main characters, protagonist and antagonist, maybe some other characters?
- 3 Social context (advanced): their relations / the happenings which led to the conflict and transformation
- 4 Challenge / conflict: the "journey" itself, reaching the culmination point / the conflict
- 5 The point of transformation
- 6 Ending (what is the message?)



5 STEP 5 – WRITE YOUR FAIRY TALE



- Write your story together
- Combine:
 - shared human values (common for all cultures)
 - unique cultural elements (symbols, characters' traits, traditions, details)

6 STEP 6 – USE AI TOOLS



Use AI to:

- improve your story
- generate ideas or dialogues
- adapt language or style
- (optional) create visuals (e.g. DreamStudio)



STEP 7 – UPLOAD YOUR STORY

Upload your final text here:



MISSION: BRING YOUR FAIRY TALE TO LIFE

Your story is ready... now it's time to step on stage.

Transform your international fairy tale into a live, bright and immersive performance.

IN YOUR CREATIVE TROUPE:



1. CHOOSE YOUR STAGE

Every place can become a theatre...

- Where will your story happen?
- How will the space work for you?



2. BECOME THE CHARACTERS

- Who are you in this story?
- What do you feel, want, fight for?
- Bring your hero (also villain and maybe some other characters 😊) to life



3. SHAPE THE STORY

- Break your tale into scenes (remember about the Hero's Journey cycle / the Arc of the story)
- Add dialogues, movement, emotions
- Make the story clear and engaging



4. INVITE AI AS YOUR CREATIVE ASSISTANT

AI is part of your team now:

- help with script & dialogues
- generate ideas or unexpected twists
- visualize scenes or characters
- create images / avatars / atmosphere



5. BUILD YOUR WORLD

Think like directors:

- costumes & props
- sounds & music
- visuals & space
- small details that make magic



6. REHEARSE THE MAGIC

- Try it out
- Feel the rhythm
- Adjust, play, experiment



REMEMBER:

Behind every fairy tale there are values. Different stories — but often the same human meaning.



FINAL GOAL:

Create a performance that is:

- ★ intercultural
- ★ creative
- ★ meaningful



AND MOST IMPORTANTLY:

Don't just tell the story —
LIVE IT.

Later today we will see all the performances — be prepared! ✨





STEP 4:

REFLECTION & DEBRIEF AFTER PERFORMANCES



1 PERFORMANCES



Each group presents their international fairy tale



Active listening from everyone



2 IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK



AUDIENCE

- What did you see?
- What stood out?
- What were the main ideas or messages?



ACTORS

- How did you feel in your role?
- Was the character similar or different from you / your culture?

3 GROUP REFLECTION



Understand cultures better now?



Similarities between cultures?



Differences?



What patterns, values, themes, characters?



How would they behave in today's world?
What challenges?



4 FINAL DEBRIEF – CONNECT & APPLY



KEY APPROACHES

- ★ Fairy tales reflect culture
- ★ Creating intercultural stories
- ★ Shared human values

METHODS USED

- Storytelling
- Role-play & simulation
- Theatrical techniques
- Experiential & NFL

TRANSFER TO PRACTICE



- ✓ How can we use these methods in youth work?
- ✓ How do fairy tales support intercultural learning?
- ✓ How do storytelling & theatre improve intercultural dialogue?

KEY MESSAGE: ☆

Different cultures may tell different stories – but at the core, they share the same human values, meanings and principles.

