

STORY GUIDE

Little Red Riding Hood

Original story by: The Brothers Grimm

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morals and themes

Adventure, Kindness, Family

general comprehension questions

- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the characters?
- Who is your favorite character and why?
- Which character don't you like and why?
- What are the problems the characters face?
- How do they solve these problems?
- How does the story end?
- What lesson does this story teach you?

discussion questions

- Why do you think Little Red Riding Hood went off the track even when her mother warned her not to?
- Do you think Little Red Riding Hood should have listened to the wolf?
- Little Red Riding Hood doesn't recognize her grandmother. Why do you think this is so?
- The author gives the wolf human-like qualities in the story. What are they and how do they match his character?
- Are you afraid of animals like the wolf? Which animals do you find scary and why?

extension questions

- What other stories does this remind you of?
- How does this story relate to your own life?
- Write an alternate ending for the story.
- Write your own version of what happens next.

research activity

Use the internet or library to research wolves.

- What do they eat?
- What other fairy tales or folk tales are they found in?
- Where do they live? (Forest, jungle, flat lands, cold weather, etc.)

notes on this adaptation

The Brothers' Grimm version is the most famous adaptation of this story. It was first written down by Charles Perrault, but some believe the story to be as old as 800 years! Our version tries to follow the Grimms' version as best as possible, highlighting the importance of listening to one's parents and not veering away from one's duties. Once Little Red Riding Hood becomes engrossed in her surroundings, she immediately forgets about her task at hand. We also tried to stress the importance of not listening to strangers. If you're students like this story, they might also enjoy the Russian tale of "Peter and the Wolf" as well as another Grimm tale, "The Wolf and the Seven Young Kids".

