

Writing Assignment: Change the Perspective

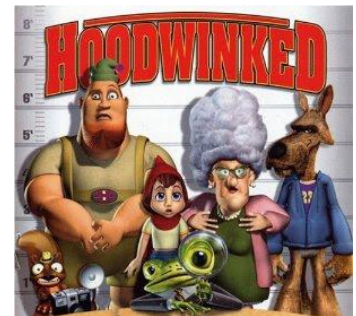
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Ever see the movie *Hoodwinked*? It tells the story of Red Riding Hood from multiple perspectives. That's what we're doing here on a smaller scale.

Instructions:

1. **First**, read the "Narration from Different Perspectives" handout, then complete the **Identifying Narrative Perspective** handout. These introduce some terms we need here.
2. Done? Good. Now pick a well-known story such as a fairy tale (Cinderella, the Three Bears, Rapunzel, etc.) or another one most people know, such as *Star Wars*, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, etc. Read it through carefully, paying special attention to the narrative perspective. Whose thoughts and feelings do we know?
3. Now, write a version of the same story from a *different* perspective using **first person**. You can write in either **prose or poetry!**



For example, suppose you choose *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. That tale is typically told by **an omniscient narrator**. So you could choose one of the characters (one of the goats, the troll, even the bridge!) and tell the whole thing from that character's point of view. The idea is to imagine being that character. What would he or she want? Think? Feel?