

CREATIVE WRITING

The Firebird

Write Your Own Story:

This activity will encourage participants to explore, imagine, and creatively write the story they desire.

Materials Needed:

Two pieces of paper and a writing utensil.

Directions:

Step 1: Rewind and Create a List

- Gather your paper and something to write with. Now take a moment to rewind the *The Firebird* story in your head. Take a deep breath in and out.
- On the piece of paper write the name of the character(s), places you remember, and things you think are most important about the story. Here is an example of a list: Spell, Prince Ivan, Thanksgiving, Monsters, Dance, Garden, and Golden apples.

Fun Facts: (1) Firebird is Slavic folklore. Slavic folklore encompasses the folklore of the Slavic people, who speak Slavic languages of the larger Balto-Slavic linguistic group of the Indo-European language family. (2) There are many versions of the Firebird story. One version is the Tale of Ivan Tsarevich and the Grey wolf.

Step 2: Rewind Your Favorite Story and Create a List

- Place the second piece of paper in front of you. Close your eyes, take a deep breath in and out, and think about your favorite story.
- On the piece of paper write the name the character(s), places you remember, and things you think are most important in your story. Here is an example of my favorite story: Cinderella, Pumpkin, Glass slippers, palace, stepmother, kiss, and mice.

Step 3: Write Your Own Creative Story

- Once you have both your lists, use all the elements on the list to write your own story! Use your imagination and creativity to mix all the elements in any manner you desire. You can always go back and change/add anything to your list. Every word on the list must be included in your story.
- Remember there is nothing wrong and right way of doing it, give yourself permission to IMAGINE, to PLAY, and to have FUN.

Closing:

Give a title to your own story and share it with your family and friends.

Bonus:

Try this activity by mixing three or four different fairy tales like *Snow White*, *The Frog King*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and the wonderful *Wizard of Oz* from which you can include as many of the characters in your story as possible. HAVE FUN!!!!