



# RAPUNZEL STUDY GUIDE



## VOCAB WORDS

### 1. ELITE

A select group of people that are viewed as more special or powerful than the average person.

### 2. PEASANT

In the old days, this was word was used to describe someone who was poor and had no connections to royalty.

### 3. FICTITIOUS

This word describes something that is not true. It can also mean that something is imaginary...like fiction!

## PLOT

In the adaptation of Black and Brown Theatre's Rapunzel that you will soon watch, the story follows a lonely prince who is tired of living in the castle and a sad girl longing to break free from her tower.

Like the original story, Rapunzel's father gives her up to an old woman in hopes that she'll have a better life. But in this new version, the prince pretends to be a peasant in order to make sure that Rapunzel really likes him for who he is.

What do you think will happen when Rapunzel finds out the man she met is actually a prince?!

**AN ADAPTATION TAKES AN EXISTING STORY AND CHANGES THE DETAILS TO FIT THE NEW WORLD THE AUTHOR WANTS TO CREATE. MOST DISNEY MOVIES ARE ACTUALLY ADAPTATIONS OF CLASSIC FAIRYTALES FROM THE BROTHER'S GRIMM. BUT NOW RESEARCHERS ARE DISCOVERING THAT THESE GRIMM STORIES THEMSELVES MIGHT BE ADAPTATIONS OF INDIGENOUS FOLKTALES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PUERTO RICAN TALE OF THE COQUI COMBINES ELEMENTS THAT MAY SOUND FAMILIAR TO BOTH THE LITTLE MERMAID AND THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG.**



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## RHYME

The play uses **rhyming words** to tell the story of Rapunzel. Every two lines of the story rhyme. This is called a **couplet** because the rhymes come in a couple (or two at a time).

Here's an example from the play:

PRINCE JACOB

What kind of books do you like? I've got **rows!**

RAPUNZEL

I like to read about worlds no one **knows...**

Now, can you write your own couplet? Create two lines that rhyme, just like a song!

## VERSE

In addition to rhyming words, the play is also told in **verse**. This is a style of writing in which **each line has a specific number of syllables**. In this case, each line has exactly 10 syllables, but in other countries, verse can be 12 syllables per line.

Here's an example from the story. Count the syllables to double-check.

RAPUNZEL

Dist-ant lands with a prin-cess in dis-guise.

Can you try to write a sentence that has exactly 10 syllables?



# RAPUNZEL POST SHOW ACTIVITIES



## CRAFT IDEAS

### 1. Decorate a Book Cover

Take a paper bag and decorate it with paint, markers, or stickers. Then put your new book cover over your favorite book!

### 2. Make Your Own Crown

Use a paper to draw your own crown and royal outfit that matches your style!

### 3. Draw a Picture of the Rapunzel's Tower

Use paper, markers and your imagination to show what you think Rapunzel's tower looks like.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. IN WHAT WAYS IS THE STORY SIMILAR TO VERSIONS OF "RAPUNZEL/TANGLED" THAT YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE? HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?

2. IN WHAT WAYS ARE RAPUNZEL AND THE PRINCE SIMILAR? HOW DO THESE SIMILARITIES BRING THEM CLOSER TOGETHER?

3. DO YOU THINK RAPUNZEL WILL EVER GO BACK TO HER TOWER? WHY OR WHY NOT?

4. IN THE STORY, RAPUNZEL DOESN'T HAVE AN ANIMAL FRIEND. IF SHE DID, WHAT ANIMAL FRIEND DO YOU THINK SHE WOULD HAVE AND WHY?

# GET CREATIVE

Create your own adaptation of a fairytale. Start with a story you know and change the details to make it your own!