

Inquiry into Fantasy
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Inquiry into Fantasy asks students to engage in several methods of inquiry, including making and administering surveys, conducting archive research and interviews, and participating in library research. Students will learn ways of communicating their research results to others, including presentations, annotated bibliographies, and academic research papers. The course will use fantasy texts in an attempt to define fantasy and explore why fantasy has often been prevalent in our culture. We will use a variety of texts in the course, including readings about fantasy as a genre and fantasy's place in literary and cultural study; excerpts from *The Once and Future King* and *The Lord of Rings*; novels such as *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, and *The Princess Bride*; films such as *Star Wars* and *Serenity*; and various fairy tales. Assignments will include readings, a presentation, four short papers, and a final project.