

“La
Belle
et la
Bete”
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The Basic Story



Beauty and the Beast is about a father who promises his daughters he will return with a gift for each of them after his latest travels. The youngest requests a rose. The father forgets until he is almost home where he stumbles upon a beautiful rose garden. He goes to take one but the beast catches him. In return for the rose he must send his daughter.

History

- 🌹 There are numerous variations of this classic fairytale.
- 🌹 The first known versions were written in the mid-seventeenth century by Charles Perrault and by Madame Gabrielle de Villeneuve.
- 🌹 This novel length version was not directed towards children but instead it used to entertain court and salon friends



16 years later, Madame Le Prince do Beaumont wrote a shorter version that is what most people know now.

This story was meant for a younger audience and focused more on Beauty's character and her virtues.

The opening for this fairytale sets it apart from others of this time



Even though the most well known version of the fairytale is French, many other cultures have their own "Beauty and the Beast"

Beauty and The Beast Today



The classic fairytale has been adapted into many different medias



Many plays have been done based on the fairytale, including one on Broadway



The basic story has been used as the general outline for many books.

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Beauty and the Beast



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A FILM BY
Jean Cocteau

Beauty and the Beast



The classic French fairytale has also be adapted for numerous movies and television

Symbolism

🌹 Throughout the Disney movie, blue is used to symbolize being an outcast from society.

🌹 The movie as a whole is thought to be an AIDS metaphor.

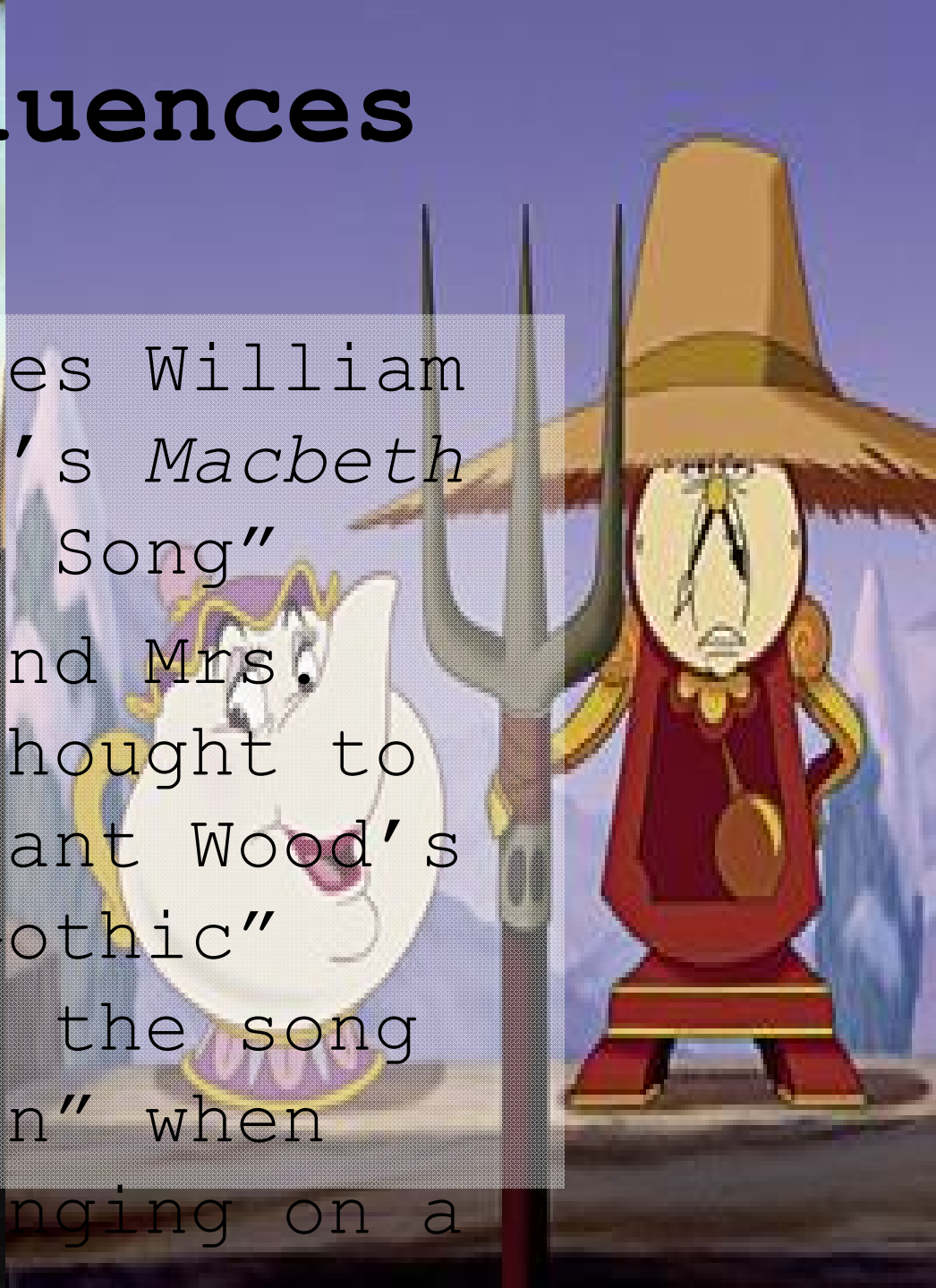
Art Influences



Gaston quotes William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* in "The Mob Song"



Cogsworth and Mrs. Potts are thought to resemble Grant Wood's "American Gothic" painting in the song "Human Again" when they are singing on a



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