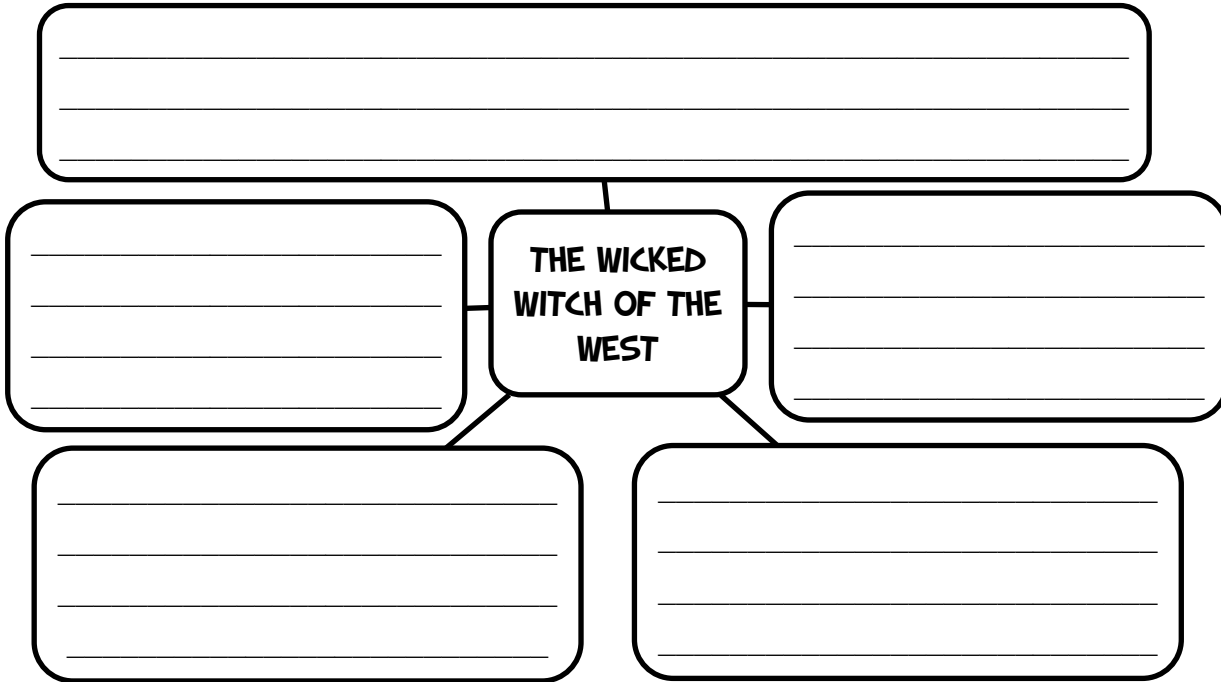
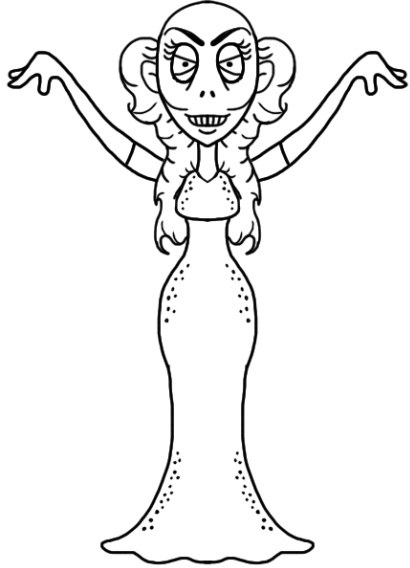


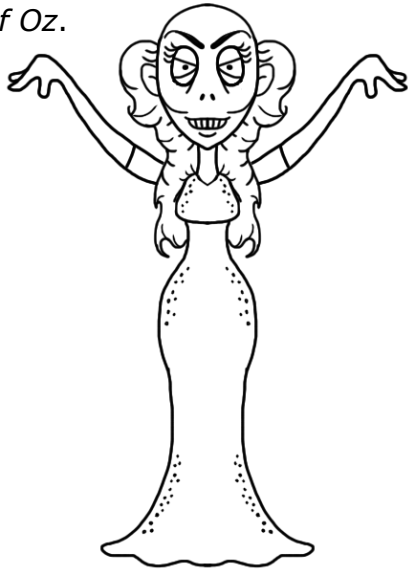
Comparing and Contrasting Witches in Children's Literature



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Her goal is to rid the world of all children.

THE GRAND HIGH WITCH

She can disguise her appearance to look like a normal human. She looks pretty as well as stylish. Under the disguise, she looks 'worm-eaten.'

The Grand High Witch is described as all-powerful, without mercy, and all the other Witches are petrified of her. She gets help from all the witches in the world.

The Grand High Witch rules over all the other witches. She calls them names like idiots and blithering bumpkins.

The boy places Formula 86 in the witches' soup. This turns all the witches to mice. The mice are then attacked by the restaurant staff.

The Wicked Witch of the West was in league with the Wicked Witch of the East. They wanted to conquer the Land of Oz and divide the land between themselves.

THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST

The Wicked Witch has green skin.

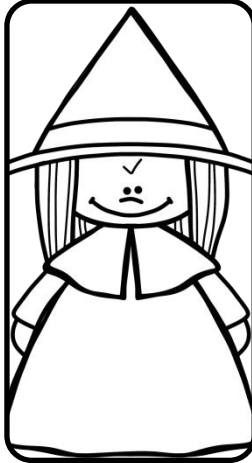
The Wicked Witch gets help from crows, bees, wolves, and the Winkies she controls. She also uses the golden cap to get help from the flying monkeys.

The Wicked Witch is the ruler of the Winkie country. She lives in a beautiful castle.

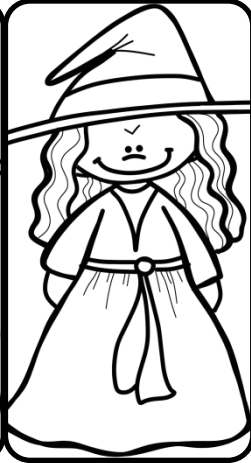
The witch cannot harm Dorothy because she is protected by a kiss from the Good Witch of the North. Dorothy throws a bucket of water on the witch. She is shocked to see that the witch melts away.



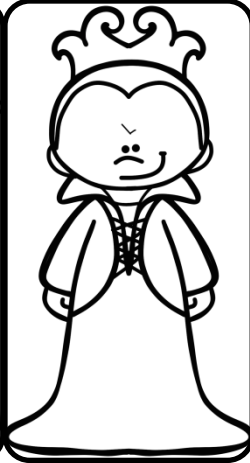
Hansel
and
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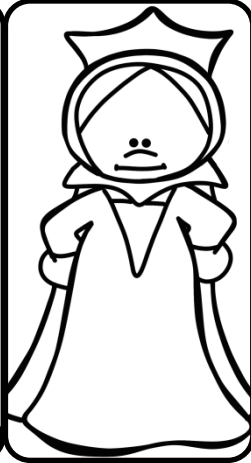
Rapunzel



Sleeping
Beauty



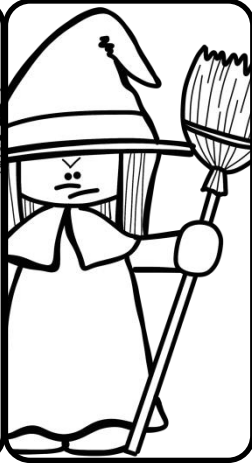
Snowdrop
(Snow White
and the Seven
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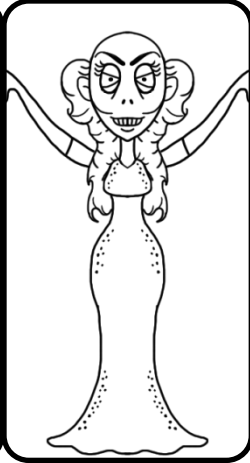
Little
Mermaid



The
Wizard of
Oz



The
Witches



Goal

The witch wanted to fatten up Hansel to eat him.

Downfall

Gretel pushed her into the oven.

Goal

She wanted a child of her own.

Downfall

When she learns Rapunzel lets the Prince climb up her tower, the witch sends Rapunzel into the woods to fend for herself. The prince finds Rapunzel, and they have a happy ending.

Goal

The evil witch wanted revenge on the King and Queen for not inviting her to feast to celebrate the birth of their daughter.

Downfall

She did not know one fairy had not given Beauty a gift. This fairy counteracted the death wish to a 100 year sleep instead.

Goal

The wicked queen wanted to be the fairest in the land.

Downfall

The Prince's love for Snowdrop awakened her. When the queen saw the young queen at the wedding, she recognized Snowdrop and dropped dead from fear.

Goal

Ursula traded Ariel's voice for a pair of legs.

Downfall

Ursula plays a minor role in the story by Hans Christian Anderson.

Goal

The Wicked Witch of the West wants to rule over the Land of Oz. She wants Dorothy's silver shoes to increase her power.

Downfall

She is melted by a bucket of water.

Goal

The Grand High Witch wants to rid the world of all children. She does this by turning them into mice and other creatures.

Downfall

She is given some of her own magical potion, Formula 86, and is turned into a mouse.

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Simple Recipe

- 4 quarts of lemon-lime soda
- 2 quarts lime sherbet

You can add the following ingredients

- 1 small can frozen lemonade
- 1 small bag of frozen strawberries
- 1 qt. Hawaiian punch (any flavor)

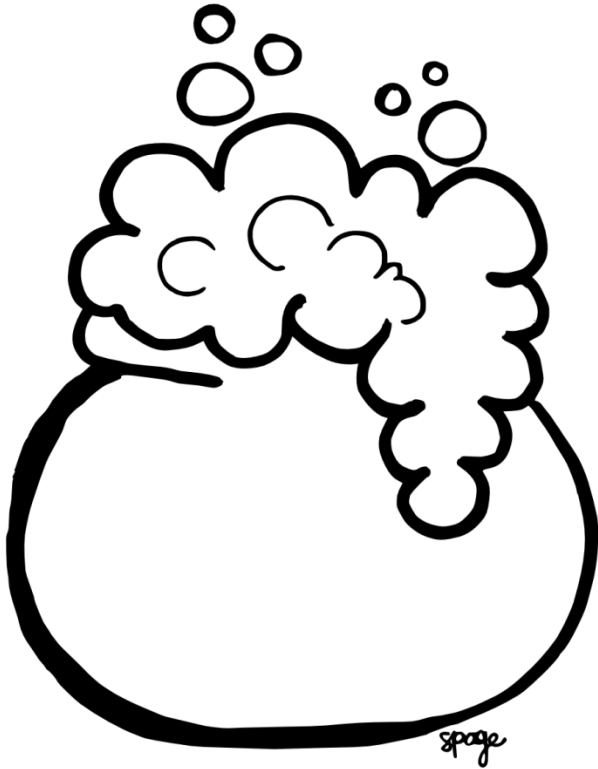


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