



ENCHANTED



Synopsis

The beautiful princess Giselle is banished by an evil queen from her magical, musical animated land and finds herself in the gritty reality of the streets of modern-day Manhattan. Shocked by this strange new environment that doesn't operate on a "happily ever after" basis, Giselle is now adrift in a chaotic world badly in need of enchantment. But when Giselle begins to fall in love with a charmingly flawed divorce lawyer who has come to her aid she has to wonder: can a storybook view of romance survive in the real world?

Discussion Questions

- *Enchanted* draws inspiration from many of the fairy tales we have all watched on screen and read in books for years. What are some of these fairy tale features that you noticed? Example: Slipper left at ball like in *Cinderella*!
- When Giselle found herself in New York City she was terrified and confused. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt lost and scared (or maybe just out of place) just as Giselle did? Did anyone help you, like Robert and Morgan helped Giselle?
- Giselle changed a lot from when she first arrived in New York to the end of the film. What about Giselle changed? Why do you think she changed?
- What aspects of Andalasia came with Giselle when she traveled to, and eventually stayed in, New York City? Did any parts of New York City make their way back to Andalasia when Nancy returned with Edward?



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Activities

- *Enchanted* brings the fairy tale world to real world New York where Robert and Morgan live. Write a short fairy tale that brings the fairy tale world to the place you live, making yourself the main character of your story. Be sure to include the fairy tale features that you brainstormed in the discussion section. When you've finished writing, create an illustration to represent the story.
- Create the fairy tale YOU as a puppet! Use a small paper bag (think a lunch sack) or a sock, construction paper, buttons, yarn and crayons or markers to create a puppet (or puppets!) that represent yourself and/or other people in your life as fairy tale characters. Make sure to place the mouth of your puppet under the fold of the bag or in the arch of the sock, so that when you stick your hand in, you can make it look like your puppet is talking! If you create enough puppets, you can act out the fairy tale you wrote for your family or friends.



Get Involved

- Did the vision of rats assisting in the apartment cleaning change your view of rodents? Volunteer at a wildlife rescue in your community. There are many animals that are rescued every day that are not dogs or cats, and that need help too.
- Help out a new student in your school. Remember how scared Giselle felt in a new place that she didn't quite understand. Many of us feel this way when we move to a new place. Help out one of the new students in your school and show them the ropes!

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