



Hansel & Gretel Writing Activities

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when your parents told you not to do something that you did anyway? What happened? What was the outcome? Write about this situation and tell what your parents did about it? Was their solution a good one? Explain why you felt it was or was not good.
2. *Just imagine...*Hansel and Gretel go into the woods searching for food. As they go deeper bright lights are seen ahead. Crashing through the branches, they discover a 24-hour supermarket with everything that was once in your pantry for sale, and it is run by a witch with Little Red Riding Hood, Little Bo Peep, Little Boy Blue and Jack Horner as cashiers. The witch tells Hansel and Gretel that in order to buy food for their family, they must choose from the following three "choices"
 1. To chop wood for her enormous oven.
 2. To clean the grill inside the hot oven.
 3. To work as a cashier until they are eighteen years old.*It's your turn...*What do you think Hansel and Gretel will do? Write your answer and be sure to explain why you think they would make this choice.
3. *HELP!*
Dr. Spock was a world renowned psychologist who gave advice to parents on how to raise exceptional children. What advice do you think Dr. Spock would give to the parents of children who disobeyed them and snuck out at night without permission? Write Dr. Spock's answer to the following letter:

Dear Dr. Spock,
We are the parents of two wonderful children who would make any parent proud, but we are troubled by their recent behavior. Our village has experienced a serious food shortage and our cupboards are mysteriously bare. Although our children were repeatedly warned not to go into the enchanted woods in search of food, our children, Hansel and Gretel, left the house last night, when we were asleep, to do just that. They did not leave a note and took the last crust of bread. Dr. Spock, what should we do when our children return?
Bewildered in the Cottage
4. *Fast Forward to the 21st century (2005).* Today, would Hansel and Gretel leave a bread crumb trail and would their parents be able to follow it? What could and would parents do today to locate their missing children? If you were Hansel and Gretel, what do you think your parents would do to find you? How would they feel if you disappeared? What do you think they would do when you were found or came home? Write your answer based on the year 2005' instead of The Year of Enchantment.