

# “Once Upon a Time” Prompt

Be sure that you have completed the journal assignment “A Quilt of a Country” before starting *this* assignment. Add “**Once Upon a Time**” Prompts to your journal’s Table of Contents (right underneath “A Quilt of a Country” Prompts); this will be your fourth entry. Title the page “**Once Upon a Time**” Prompt.

Be sure that you’ve closely read the short story “Once Upon a Time” by Nadine Gordimer (pages 11-16) and added the words defined in the margins (distend, intention, audacious, intrusion, and serrate) to your vocabulary notes.

Be sure to follow the guidelines of the “Journal Expectations” and the “Proofreading Expectations”. For the single prompt below, copy it down just as it appears and underline it. Respond with multiple paragraphs, and fully support your claim with specific evidence in the form of quotations from the text. Refer to your Literature Terms as necessary.

1. What is the **theme** of this story? Explain how Gordimer develops this theme through the story’s elements, such as **structure** (how the story is told) and **symbols** (like the cat and the witch). Support your response with evidence from the text.