

Summary & Critique Tips

Writing a Summary:

- Concentrate on creating a brief review of the changes made to the myth of Hercules. Do not ramble.
- Avoid adding your own opinion or ideas; stick to facts that are unquestionable.
- Spend time discussing elements of the plot that were true of both versions of the story as well as elements that differed.
- Speak in the third-person; the word "I" should not appear in your summary.

Writing a Critique:

- This is your chance to share your opinions about Disney's changes; avoid simply repeating your summary.
- Instead of stating what you "liked" or "disliked," try to focus on whether changes were effective or necessary.

Use stems such as:

- "It was really effective when...."
- "It took away from the story when..."
- "A necessary change was..."
- "An unnecessary change was...."
- "The unique Disney audience required...."
- "Disney's purpose required them to change..."
- Each of your opinions should be supported with evidence and critical thinking. Audience and purpose should be addressed.
- Continue speaking in third person; the word "I" should be used sparingly if at all.