Tales and Perspectives (6.6)

Directions:

1. Read the story “Six Blind Men and the Elephant” to review *character perspective.*

**The story:**

**Once upon a time there were six blind men who all lived in the same town. One day the circus came to town and the men went to see the elephant. But how could they?  
The first man said, “We can feel him.”  
“That’s a great idea!” said the rest  
So each man went to feel the elephant.  
The first man touched the elephant’s big, flat ear. He felt it move slowly back and forth.  
“Oh” he said, “An elephant is like a giant fan!”  
The second man touched the elephant’s leg. “Oh, an elephant is like a tree!”  
The third man felt the tail and said, “No you are both wrong. The elephant is like a rope”   
But the fourth man disagreed. He felt the elephant’s pointed tusk and said, “Ouch! An elephant is like a spear”  
“No” said the fifth man, “Can’t you tell an elephant is like a wall.” He was feeling the elephant’s huge side.  
The sixth man grabbed hold of the elephant’s tusk. “You are all wrong! An elephant is like a snake!”  
The men continued to argue, each one certain he was right. It’s a fan” No a tree” Surely a rope” No, it’s a snake!” You’re wrong. I’m right!” Finally they got tired of shouting at each other and they all went home. So none of them ever found out what an elephant really was.**

2. Complete the chart below to highlight the perspective of each person in the story:

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| Character | Perspective: What does each man think about the elephant? | Details: What details from the story helped you determine each person’s perspective? |
| First Man |  |  |
| Second Man |  |  |
| Third Man |  |  |
| Fourth Man |  |  |
| Fifth Man |  |  |
| Sixth Man |  |  |

3. Now, using the links below create a fractured fairytale to practice perspective and point of view. You will print your work when finished:

Step 1: Go to: <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/fairytales/>

(also found on my website under: ‘extra resources’ tab)

Step 2: Click on “Read a Sample Fractured Fairy Tale” and read the example.

Step 3: Click on a fairy tale to alter and read the fairy tale.

Step 4: Click on “Write a Fractured Version” and “Choose my Changes.”

Step 5: Enter in the necessary changes. Note- you must change the point of view/ perspective in some way.

Step 6: Extra time: Click on “Write my Fractured Fairy Tale” and write the full story.

\*\*\*Print you work!