Lesson 3 Review Exercise

1. Before the invention of writing there could be no written record. This ____________ event marks the beginning of recorded history.

2. Before writing, most information was acquired by hearing it. Learning was ____________ by one person speaking to others who listened.

3. We'll never know who first told the story of Cinderella. Scholars ____________ that such stories go far back in human prehistory.

4. Picture a group of cave dwellers sitting around a fire. Someone started to speak, and in the ____________ of the moment, perhaps the story was born.

5. Telling stories was a good way to exchange information. There could be hundreds of them, and they could ____________ all of human behavior.

6. Stories get passed on from parents to children. Each ____________ changes or adds a little so that the stories never stay quite the same.

7. The outlines of most fairy tales remain unchanged. However, the details get ____________ as the story gets told and retold.

8. Evil is a strong presence in many fairy tales. The character with a nasty ____________ usually loses in the end.
9. Many tales offer comfort to the helpless. The victory of the weak over the strong is a _____________ theme in many stories.

10. In these stories, the weak are taught to use their brains. What they lack in strength, they must make up for with _____________.

11. A ragged servant girl meets and marries a handsome prince. This story line _____________ over and over in fairy tale land.

12. The Grimm brothers devoted their lives to collecting folk tales. From hundreds of _____________ sources, they brought them together in book form.

13. They knew that they hadn’t much time. It was _____________ that the stories be collected before they disappeared entirely.

14. The two brothers collected, preserved, and published hundreds of stories. Thanks to their efforts, most homes contain at least one _____________ of fairy tales.

15. Brer Rabbit teaches us a useful lesson. When you’re in trouble, rely on no one. Only you can _____________ yourself from the problem.