**Calamity Day #1 Assignment: Sir Orfeo, a Fairy Tale (literally)**

**Standards**

**RL1:** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

**RL2:** Provide an objective summary of the text.

**Materials & Resources:**

**\* Computer**

**\* Listed Web sites**

**Procedures:**

1. Go to the following link and read the story of Sir Orfeo: <http://elfinspell.com/EERSirOrfeo.html>. Note that there are footnotes at the bottom of the screen that can help you to understand what's happening. Take your time with it and make sure you check your comprehension along the way. Don't give up just because it's a bit difficult! You can do this!

**Student Assessment:**

2. After you are finished reading, write a brief summary (about a paragraph or two) explaining the events that happened in the story.

3. Also, write a paragraph that explains how this story fits into the medieval romance tradition. (Check your notes if you don't remember the definition of a medieval romance or visit this Web site: <http://faculty.goucher.edu/eng240/medieval_romance.htm>).

**Blizzard Bag:** Printed version of *Sir Orfeo*. After reading *Sir Orfeo*, instead of writing a summary, you may create an artistic representation of the events of the story. You may draw, paint, create a piece of music, etc. You must still write a paragraph about how the story fits into the tradition of the medieval romance.