



## ANSWERS

1. There was once a young prince who was spoiled and selfish. One night, an old woman knocks at the castle door and asks to be sheltered for the night in exchange for a rose. She is ugly, and the young prince unkindly turns her away. When he does, she transforms into a beautiful enchantress, and puts a spell on the castle. He becomes a beast, so that his outside matches the ugliness he has inside him.
2. Without the prologue, the audience wouldn't understand why it is so important to the beast and the rest of the household for Belle to fall in love with him. The prologue also underscores the significance of the beast falling in love with Belle.