

# THE NUTCRACKER STOYTELLING PROJECT

## TEACHER'S RESOURCES

### THE NUTCRACKER

**What is a nutcracker and how does it work?**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nutcracker>

**What has a nutcracker got to do with Christmas?**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nutcracker\\_doll](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nutcracker_doll)

### THE STORY

**This pictorial post provides a succinct overview of the way the story developed:-**

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/gallery/2015/dec/24/the-story-of-the-nutcracker-in-pictures>

**This post looks in depth at both the Hoffman and Dumas versions of the story:-**

<https://books.openedition.org/obp/612?lang=en>

**The Battle of Waterloo influenced the story of the Nutcracker ...**

In the story, Fritz is obsessed with soldier, castles and fights endless mock battles. The story itself features a fierce fight between the dolls and the mice. The original story of the Nutcracker was written in 1816 – the year after the epoch-ending Battle of Waterloo when the Duke of Wellington's combined armies defeated Napoleon and the French army. The battle ended the series of wars that had convulsed Europe since the French Revolution in the early 1790s. No wonder Fritz's imagination is full of soldiers and fighting!

**Find out more about the Battle of Waterloo:-**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Waterloo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Waterloo)

This video explains what happened during the very exciting closely fought battle that Wellington's combined armies only just won:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dt3UzTVlttA>

### THE BALLET

**Find out how the story was turned into a ballet with Tchaikovsky's music in Russia in 1892:-**

<https://www.nutcracker.com/about-us/history-of-nutcracker>

**See pictures and watch video excerpts of the Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker:-**

<https://www.nutcracker.com/gallery/great-russian-nutcracker>

