Essay:

I chose this book because it is set in an imaginary land. Although many stories are set in different worlds and lands, this book’s setting was one I had never heard. The land was sort of a mountainous island divided into seven kingdoms. Another element of this book that I liked is the people who have inhuman abilities called graces. These people are called gracelings, hence the title. The book is about Lady Katsa, who is graced with killing. She lives in the kingdom of Middluns, with her uncle, a sadistic ruler. She lives a life carrying out punishments for the king, until she meets Prince Po who is graced with killing. She and Po go on an adventure, and Katsa finds out more truths about her grace. This story is beautifully written. Kristen Cashore really knows how to write a book.