

# Cinderella

What have you learned about royal families?

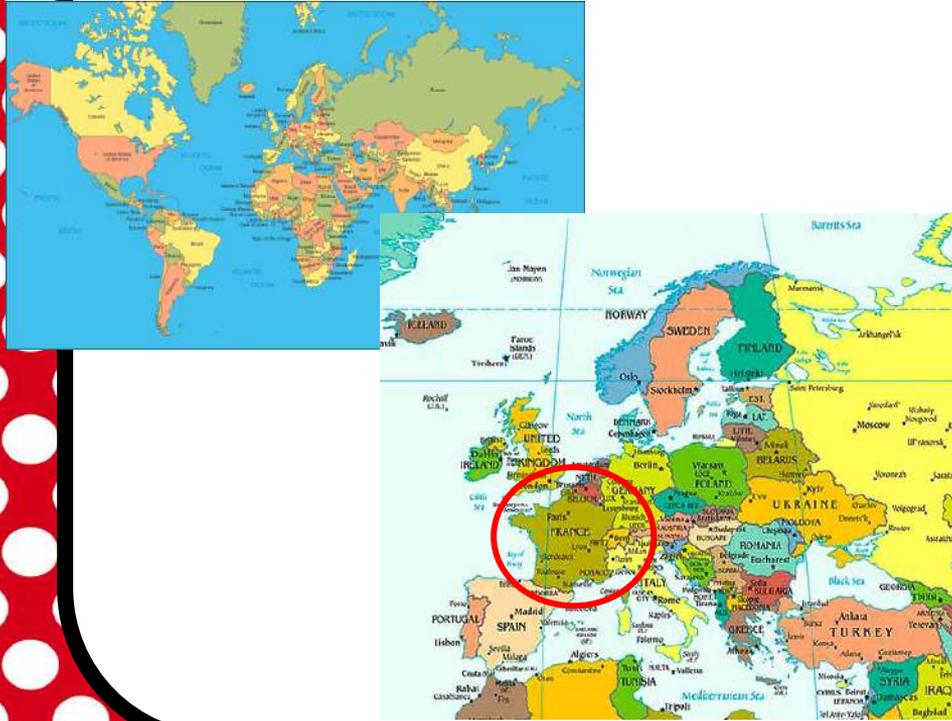
- Kings and queens and their children, princes and princesses were the most important and powerful people in the kingdom
- Princes and princesses grew up getting whatever they wanted and having servants do everything for them

# Cinderella

What is fairness?

Have you ever been treated unfairly? Share how the unfair treatment made you feel.

# Cinderella



France is a country in Europe. The read aloud you are about to hear is a fairy tale written by someone who lived in France in 1697, over 300 years ago! The author's name was Charles Perrault.

# Cinderella

Today you are going to hear a made up, fictional story about a young girl named Cinderella who was treated unfairly. Listen to find out what happens to Cinderella. Compare this version of the story to others you may already know.

# Cinderella



Once upon a time, a little girl's father married a new wife. The little girl's stepmother forced her to do the hardest and dirtiest work in the house, while the stepsisters did nothing. When her work was finally done, she would sit, tired and alone, on the hearth by the fireplace, among the ashes and cinders. Cinders are small bits of burned wood from the fireplace.

# Cinderella

*And so she came to be called  
“Cinderella.”*

*Cinderella’s stepsisters had fine rooms with soft beds and thick carpets and mirrors so large that they might see themselves at full length from head to foot. But poor Cinderella had to sleep on the floor next to the fire.*



# Cinderella



*Yet she bore it all patiently, and did not complain to her father, for his new wife ruled him entirely.*

*Her father did everything his new wife told him to do.*

# Cinderella



One day, the king's son, the prince, announced that he was going to hold a ball. A ball is a fancy party with dancing. The word ball can have other meanings. The word ball also means a round object we play with.

The stepsisters shrieked with excitement at the announcement.

# Cinderella



All the young ladies in the kingdom were invited to the palace for a grand evening of dancing and merriment. The word merriment means fun. What other word does merriment remind you of? Merry is a word we have learned that means happy.

# Cinderella



*For days the stepsisters primped in front of their mirrors and talked of nothing else.*

# Cinderella



The stepsisters snapped at Cinderella, "You must help us get ready for the ball. Clean our shoes! Comb our hair! Hurry!"

Cinderella helped her stepsisters without complaining. Silently, however, she longed to go to the ball and imagined herself dancing in the arms of the prince.

# Cinderella



At last the day came. The stepsisters and their mother left for the palace. Cinderella watched them as long as she could. When she had lost sight of them, she began to cry, so miserable and alone did she feel.

How does Cinderella feel? Why?

# Cinderella



But Cinderella was not alone after all, for she heard a gentle voice ask, “What’s the matter, dear?”

She looked up and saw a woman with a kind face.

“I wish--I wish I could--” began Cinderella, but could not finish for all her tears and sobbing.

# Cinderella



“You wish to go to the ball--is that it?” said the kind woman. “Then it shall be so!” said the woman, for she was, you see, Cinderella’s fairy godmother.

# Cinderella



“Now run into the garden,” she said to Cinderella, and bring me a pumpkin.” Cinderella went immediately to the garden, though she could not imagine what a pumpkin had to do with going to the ball. She watched her fairy godmother scoop out the inside of the pumpkin, leaving only the rind. A rind is the tough outer skin of a fruit or vegetable.

# Cinderella



Then the pumpkin turned into a dazzling coach lined with satin! A coach is like a fancy carriage. Next, with a touch of her wand she turned a big rat into a fat, jolly coachman to drive the coach.

# Cinderella



“Now dear,” said the fairy godmother, “bring me the mouse trap from the house.” Cinderella brought the trap, which had six live mice in it. “Open the door of the trap, dear,” said the fairy godmother. Then, as each mouse scurried out, she gave them, and the pumpkin rind, a tap with her wand.

# Cinderella



Suddenly, Cinderella was surrounded by bright, white light as she watched the six mice turn into a fine set of six horses, all a beautiful mouse colored gray.

“Well,” said the fairy godmother with a smile, “are you pleased? Are you ready to go to the ball?”

# Cinderella



*“Oh yes!” cried Cinderella. “But...must I go in these dirty rags?”*

# Cinderella



Her godmother laughed and, with a touch of her wand, changed Cinderella's tattered clothes into a glittering gown of gold and silver. Cinderella's old clothes were torn, but her new gown was sparkling. And on her feet appeared a pair of glass slippers, the prettiest in the world.

# Cinderella



Cinderella stepped into the coach. But before she left, her fairy godmother gave her this warning: "Do not stay at the ball after midnight, not even for a moment! When the clock strikes twelve, the coach will once again be a pumpkin; the horses, mice; the coachman, a rat; and your gown, the same old clothes you had on."

# Cinderella



*What will happen at midnight?*

*Cinderella promised she would leave before midnight. Then, calling out her thanks, away she rode in the coach, feeling happier than she had ever felt before.*

# Cinderella



*At the palace, the prince heard that a great princess had arrived, but that no one knew who she was.*

*Who do you think the princess is that the prince heard about?*

# Cinderella



So he went to meet her, and gave her his hand, and led her into the great ballroom filled with people. As they entered, a hush fell upon the room. The dancers stopped dancing; the musicians stopped playing. Everyone stood still just to look upon the beauty of the unknown newcomer.

# Cinderella



The prince asked Cinderella to dance with him. They danced together once, then twice, then again and again. Cinderella's face shone with happiness. Everyone at the ball looked on in admiration--everyone, that is, but the two jealous stepsisters, who glared at the lovely lady, though they had no idea they were glaring at Cinderella!

# Cinderella



They were jealous of the young woman because they wished the prince would dance with them instead.

How quickly time slips away when the heart is happy! As Cinderella danced again and again with the prince, she heard the great bell of the palace clock begin to toll or ring:

# Cinderella



*one...two...three...*

*“Oh!” she gasped. “The clock! What time is it?”*

*The prince answered, “Midnight.”*

# Cinderella



Midnight! Cinderella's cheeks grew pale. She turned and, fast as a deer, ran out of the ballroom, down a long hallway, then down a long staircase.

What's wrong? Why did Cinderella start running?

# Cinderella



*At the foot of the staircase she stumbled; one of her glass slippers fell off!*

*Cinderella tripped and lost one of her glass shoes. Can you see the slipper?*

# Cinderella



*But Cinderella could not stop. Already the clock had sounded its eleventh stroke. As she leapt breathlessly out of the castle into the darkness, she heard the clock sound the last stroke of midnight, and felt her smooth gown turn into the rough cloth of her real clothes.*

# Cinderella



Her dazzling coach had turned back into a pumpkin, so she ran home alone. When she got there, she was out of breath, and climbed the stairs to her cold attic room. There she noticed: She was still wearing one glass slipper!

# Cinderella



Now, when Cinderella had run from the palace, the prince had raced after her. And though he had not been able to catch her, he did find, at the bottom of the staircase, the glass slipper that had fallen off her foot.

# Cinderella



And that is why, the very next morning, the sound of trumpets woke the kingdom, and the prince announced that he would marry the woman whose foot fit the glass slipper. The prince sent men to try the slipper on the foot of every woman in the land.

# Cinderella



*From house to house they went, trying the slipper on foot after foot. But on one foot the slipper was too long; on another, too short; on another, too wide; on another, too narrow.*

# Cinderella



And so it went until at last they came to the house of Cinderella and her stepsisters. One by one, the stepsisters squeezed, pinched, and pushed, but the slipper would not fit.

Why did the stepsisters keep trying to make the shoe fit?

# Cinderella



*Then, from the shadows, Cinderella stepped forth and said, "Let me see if it will fit me."*

*"You!" the stepsisters cried. "Go back to the cinders where you belong!"*

# Cinderella



But one of the prince's men said that he had orders to try the slipper on every woman in the kingdom. He placed the slipper on Cinderella's foot - and it fit perfectly! The stepsisters' mouths dropped open in astonishment. And they were even more shocked when, from her pocket, Cinderella drew forth the other glass slipper.

# Cinderella



Why were the stepsisters surprised?

And now the stepsisters recognized Cinderella as the beautiful lady they had seen at the ball. They threw themselves at her feet and begged her pardon for all of the ways they had treated her so badly. Cinderella was so kind-hearted that she forgave them and embraced them.

# Cinderella



*Later, after Cinderella married the prince, she even invited her stepmother and stepsisters to live at the palace. And there, Cinderella and the prince lived happily ever after.*

# Cinderella

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

Please answer in  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

How did Cinderella get her name?

# Cinderella

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

Please answer in  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

How did Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters treat her?

# Cinderella

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

Please answer in  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

Who suddenly appears to help Cinderella?  
How does the fairy godmother help  
Cinderella?

# Cinderella

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

Please answer in  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

Why did Cinderella have to leave the ball at midnight?

# Cinderella

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

Please answer in  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

What did Cinderella lose as she ran out of the ball at midnight?

# Cinderella

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

How did the prince decide to try to find Cinderella?

# Cinderella

Comprehension Questions:

**Inferential**

Why did the prince want to find Cinderella?

# Cinderella

Comprehension Questions:

**Literal**

PLEASE ANSWER IN  
COMPLETE SENTENCES.

What happened at the end of the story?

# Think Pair Share



I'm going to ask you a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

# Think Pair Share



**Evaluative:**

Some things in the story could really happen and some things could not really happen because they are magic or fantasy. Which things could really happen? Which things are magic or fantasy?

# **Word Work**

*Explicit Vocabulary Instruction*

# Cinderella

In the read aloud you heard, “Her godmother laughed and, with a touch of her wand, changed Cinderella’s **tattered** clothes into a glittering gown of gold and silver.”

Say the word **tattered** with me.

Whisper tattered to the ceiling.  
Whisper tattered to your neighbor.  
Let’s clap it out.

# Cinderella

**Tattered** describes any object that is torn or worn out, like a piece of fabric or clothing.

My old jeans are **tattered** with lots of holes.

# Cinderella

Tell me about something you have or have seen that is **tattered**. Try to use the word tattered when you tell about it.

“My \_\_\_\_\_ is/are tattered.”

# *Cinderella*

*What's the word we have been talking  
about?*

*Let's clap it out.*

# Cinderella

I will name several things. If it is an example of something tattered, please put your thumbs up. If it is not an example of tattered, thumbs down.

# *Cinderella*



Thumbs Up = Tattered

Thumbs Down = Not tattered



*An old blanket with holes*



# *Cinderella*



Thumbs Up = Tattered

Thumbs Down = Not tattered



*A bright, new rug*



# *Cinderella*



Thumbs Up = Tattered

Thumbs Down = Not tattered



*A pair of pants without any tears*



# *Cinderella*



Thumbs Up = Tattered

Thumbs Down = Not tattered



*An old ripped shirt*



# Cinderella



Thumbs Up = Tattered

Thumbs Down = Not tattered



*A book that is falling apart and has missing pages*

