



Cinderella



About the Tale

The story of Cinderella is perhaps the most widely told tale in the world, with adaptations cropping up in numerous countries including China, Korea, South Africa, Egypt, France, Germany, Ireland, England, and of course, North America. Just how many Cinderellas are there on the planet? Scholars estimate the number to be somewhere between 300 and 3,000. While it would be impossible for you to read every one, there are literally dozens of wonderful versions readily available for your class to share, compare, and relish.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think Cinderella was treated fairly by her stepsisters?
2. What happened when the clock struck midnight?
3. Cinderella stories are told all over the world. Why do you think this is so?

Notable Retellings

- * **Cinderella** by Charles Perrault (Nord-Sd Velag, 2002). This exquisitely illustrated translation of Perrault’s classic “Cinderella” makes for a magical read-aloud indeed.
- * **The Rough-Face Girl** by Rafe Martin (Putnam, 1998). Kids are sure to be engaged by this moving tale of a Native American girl with a rough face but a very tender heart.
- * **Yeh-Shin: A Cinderella Story From China** by Ai-Ling Louie (Putnam, 1996). Ed Young’s misty, marvelous illustrations bring this Asian Cinderella tale to life.

Companion Reproducible

Focus Skills: Making Personal Connections, Critical and Creative Thinking, Writing

Distribute copies of the reproducible on page 116. Then invite each child to write—and draw—about what they would wish for if they had a fairy godmother like Cinderella’s.



Level I
Word Count 446
Vocabulary alas, chores, coach, spell, vowed
Supportive Features familiar story, predictable structure
Challenging Features long sentences, four to five lines of text per page; multisyllabic words
Comprehension Use this book with the Comprehension Quilt on page 23.
Phonics long o (oo, oa, ow, o_e): <i>hoped, coach, old, broken, no, home, low, owner;</i> words ending with -ed: <i>named, lived, helped, curled, appeared, turned, agreed, danced, vowed, knocked, lied, nodded, asked, invited</i>
Writing Have children write their own version of the story. Encourage them to include as many details as possible.
Fluency Have partners time each other reading the story, writing down their times. Ask children to read the story a few more times, then record themselves again to see if their pace has increased.

Name _____



My Wonderful Wish



Poof! You fairy godmother has just appeared! Write about what you will wish for. Then, draw a picture to go with it.





Cinderella had a great big wedding and even invited her mean stepsisters. Then, she and the handsome prince lived happily ever after.

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Just then, Cinderella came into the room. "Will you please try on this shoe?" asked the prince. Cinderella nodded.

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Folk & Fairy Tale
EASY READERS

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A retelling by Violet Findley • Illustrated by Lynne Cravath



 SCHOLASTIC



One morning, an invitation came. The handsome prince was having a ball! The mean stepsisters were very excited. You see, they both hoped to meet and marry him.

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Once upon a time, there was a beautiful girl named Cinderella. She lived with two stepsisters, who were very mean. They made her dress in rags and do all the chores.

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The shoe fit perfectly! At last, he had found the girl from the ball. "Will you marry me?" asked the prince. "Of course," said Cinderella.

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On the day of the ball, Cinderella helped her stepsisters get ready. She ironed their dresses. She curled their hair. They were so mean they didn't even say thank you.

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Finally, the prince knocked on one last door. Cinderella's mean stepsisters answered. Both lied and said the shoe was theirs. But, try as they might, it was too small to fit their big feet.

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True to his word, the prince went from house to house. He tried the shoe on every girl he met. But, alas, it didn't fit any of them.

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"I wish I could go to the ball, too," cried Cinderella.
Poof! A lady with a magic wand appeared. It was Cinderella's fairy godmother!
"I will help you," she said.

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Bong! The clock struck midnight and the spell was broken. Cinderella's coach turned back into a pumpkin. Her dress turned back into rags.

"I guess I will just have to walk home," she said sadly.

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"You look lovely! There is only one rule. You must be home by midnight or the spell will be broken," said the fairy godmother. Cinderella agreed. Then she waved goodbye.

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Poof! The fairy godmother turned a pumpkin into a coach. She turned mice into horses. She turned Cinderella's rags into a fancy dress and her old shoes into glass slippers.

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A minute later, the prince ran out to find Cinderella. But all that was left of her was a glass slipper. "I will search high and low to find the owner of this shoe," he vowed.

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Cinderella was the star of the ball. Everyone thought she was amazing, especially the prince. He quickly fell in love with her and they danced all night.

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Cinderella had such fun she forgot to look at the clock until it was almost midnight. Oh, no! There was no time to say good-bye to the prince. She ran outside so fast that she lost one of her glass slippers.

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Making the Mini-Books

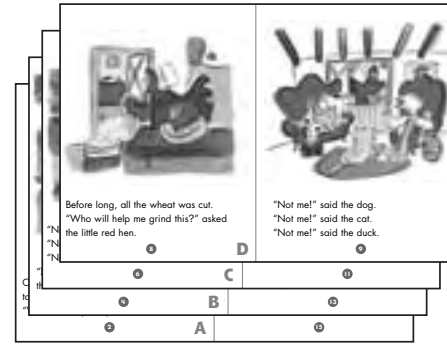
1. Make double-sided copies of the mini-book pages. (You should have two double-sided copies for each one.)



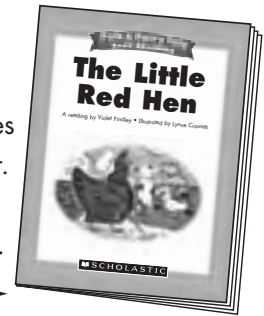
2. Cut the pages in half along the dashed line.



3. Position the pages so that the lettered spreads (A, B, C, D) are face up. Place the B spread on top of the A spread. Then, place the C and D spreads on top of those in sequence.



4. Fold the pages in half along the solid line. Make sure all the pages are in the proper order. Staple them together along the book's spine.



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