

Cinderella

Once upon a time, there was a kind and beautiful girl named Cinderella. She lived with her wicked stepmother and two stepsisters after the death of her father. They treated Cinderella very badly making her do all the work about the house. Despite their poor treatment of her, Cinderella remained good-natured and always was kind and helpful to her new family.

One day, they were invited to a grand ball in the king's palace for the prince was looking for a wife. The sisters were sure that the prince would choose one of them for his bride. Cinderella was made to sew new party gowns for her stepmother and stepsisters and curl their hair. They then went to the ball leaving Cinderella alone at home because her stepmother would not allow her go.

Cinderella felt very sad and began to cry. Suddenly, a fairy godmother appeared and exclaimed, "Don't cry, Cinderella! I will send you to the ball!"

Amazed, Cinderella said, "I don't have a gown to wear for the ball!" The fairy godmother waved her magic wand and changed Cinderella's old clothes into a beautiful new gown! Then she touched Cinderella's feet with the magic wand. And lo! She had beautiful glass slippers!

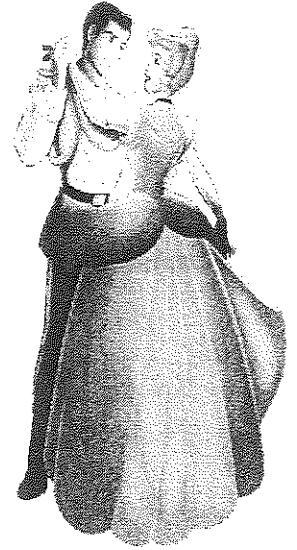
"How will I get to the grand ball?" asked Cinderella.

The fairy godmother found six mice playing near a pumpkin in the kitchen. She touched them with her magic wand, and the mice became four shiny black horses and two coachmen, and the pumpkin turned into a golden coach. Cinderella was overjoyed and set off for the ball in the coach drawn by the six black horses. Before leaving, the fairy godmother said, "Cinderella, this magic will only last until midnight! You must return home by then!"

When Cinderella entered the palace, everybody was struck by her beauty. Nobody, not even Cinderella's stepmother or stepsisters, knew who she really was in her pretty clothes and shoes. The handsome prince also saw her and went to greet Cinderella.

"Would you like to dance?" he asked.

Cinderella replied, "Yes!" The prince danced with her all night and was charmed with her gentle spirit and kindheartedness. Cinderella was so happy dancing with the prince that she almost forgot what the fairy godmother had said. At the last moment, Cinderella remembered her fairy godmother's words, and as the clock chimed twelve, she rushed out of the prince's arms. "Oh! I must go!" she cried and ran out of the palace. One of her glass slippers came off, but Cinderella did not turn back for it. She reached home just as the clock struck twelve. Her coach turned back into a pumpkin, the horses into mice, and her fine ball gown into rags. Her stepmother and stepsisters came home shortly after that. They were talking about the beautiful lady who had been dancing with the prince.



The prince had fallen in love with Cinderella and wanted to find out who the beautiful girl was, but he did not even know her name. He found the glass slipper that had come off of Cinderella's foot as she ran from the palace. Determined to find his love, the prince proclaimed, "The lady whose foot fits this slipper will be the one I marry!"

The next day, the prince and his servants took the glass slipper and went to all the houses in the kingdom. They wanted to find the lady whose foot would fit in the slipper. All the women in the kingdom tried the slipper, but it would not fit any of them. Cinderella's stepsisters also tried on the little glass slipper. They tried to squeeze their feet and push hard into the slipper, but the servant was afraid the slipper would break. Cinderella's stepmother forbade her try the slipper on, but the prince saw her and said, "Let her also try on the slipper!" The slipper fit her perfectly. The prince recognized her from the ball. He married Cinderella and together they lived happily ever after.

CLIMAX

PLOT

TITLE: _____

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RISING ACTION

(List examples that create complications or suspense)

FALLING ACTION

CONFLICT

EXPOSITION

Setting: *where + when*

Characters:

PROTAGONIST vs. ANTAGONIST

vs.

RESOLUTION

THEME

