

Cinderella Stories From Around the World

Summary

Several version of Cinderella are read to students as they fill out comparison charts. The fairy tale genre is introduced.

Main Core Tie

English Language Arts Grade 5

[Reading: Literature Standard 3](#)

Time Frame

10 class periods of 15 minutes each

Group Size

Large Groups

Materials

Several Cinderella storybooks from different cultures and time periods (See list of titles and authors below in the bibliography.)

One [Compare / Contrast chart](#) (pdf) for each student for each Cinderella storybook.

Background for Teachers

Collect Cinderella stories (See the list of the suggested stories in the bibliography.)
Understand what makes a fairy tale

Student Prior Knowledge

Students will understand what a fairy tale is.

Instructional Procedures

Provide each student with a comparison chart for each version of Cinderella stories that you are going to read.

Read a different Cinderella story to the class each day.

As you read each story, have students complete the comparison charts.

Discussion: orally compare and contrast the stories.

Extensions

Personal stories can be illustrated and shared with other grade levels, parents or peers. A reader's theatre could be organized as well.

Assessment Plan

Each student will write their own version of Cinderella including all elements of a fairy tale.

Bibliography

Here are some of the many Cinderella stories you may want to use for this lesson:

- [Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China](#)
by Ai-Ling Louie

- The Rough-Face Girl
by Rafe Martin
- The Way Meat Loves Salt: A Cinderella Tale from the Jewish Tradition
by Nina Jaffe
- The Golden Sandal: A Middle Eastern Cinderella Story
by Rebecca Hickox
- Jouanah: A Hmong Cinderella
by Jewell Reinhart Coburn
- The Turkey Girl: A Zuni Cinderella Story
by Penny Pollock
- The Persian Cinderella
by Shirley Climo
- Fair, Brown & Trembling : An Irish Cinderella Story
by Jude Daly
- Angkat: The Cambodian Cinderella
by Jewell Reinhart Coburn
- Estrellita de oro / Little Gold Star: A Cinderella Cuento
by Joe Hayes
- Sootface
by Robert D. San Souci
- Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella
by Robert D. San Souci
- The Korean Cinderella
by Shirley Climo
- Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters
by John Steptoe
- Domitila: A Cinderella Tale from the Mexican Tradition
by Jewell Reinhart Coburn
- Raisel's Riddle
by Erica Silverman
- Smoky Mountain Rose
by Alan Schroeder
- The Gift of the Crocodile: A Cinderella Story
by Judy Sierra
- The Egyptian Cinderella
by Shirley Climo
- The Golden Slipper: A Vietnamese Legend
by Darrell H. Y. Lum
- Little Gold Star: A Spanish American Cinderella Tale
by Robert D. San Souci
- Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave
by Marianna Mayer
- Abadeha: The Philippine Cinderella
by Myrna J. De LA Paz
- Chinye: A West African Folk Tale
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