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
  by Obi Onyefulu