

CINDERELLA

STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



VIRTUAL field trip

INTEGRATES READING SKILLS

The First Cinderella Story



The story of Cinderella dates back to the 6th century BCE, which is more than 2,500 years ago! Since then, thousands of versions of the Cinderella story have been created and shared.

In the original story, an eagle steals the shoe of a poor Greek woman named Rhodopis. The eagle flies Rhodopis' shoe across the Mediterranean Sea and drops it into an Egyptian king's lap. The king then goes on a quest to find the owner of the shoe, and eventually comes across Rhodopis. They marry, and the poor woman becomes a queen.

Through the centuries, the story of Cinderella has been retold in many ways by many different cultures. Every retelling of this ancient story reveals different values and traditions of specific cultures. Some aspects of the story have stayed the same.

For example, in the 9th century, the story about Rhodopis and the king is adapted into a Chinese fairy tale. "Ye Xian" is about a young woman treated poorly by her stepmother. She is granted a wish on some magical fish bones and wishes for a beautiful gown. She charms a king and leaves behind a small, fish-scale patterned shoe. The king sets out to find Ye Xian and they marry.

Do you notice the similarities and differences between the two stories?

From the ancient story about Rhodopis to current retellings, Cinderella stories share several similarities and differences. Let's explore!



Learn the history
behind one of
the most known
fairytales.



CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD



Exploring Cinderella and Culture

What is culture?

Culture is the collection of beliefs, languages, art, knowledge, traditions, values, and many other aspects of a community or group of people. Culture is something that people can (and usually do) express through their creations and their daily lives.



How is culture expressed?

Culture can be expressed in many ways, such as the celebration of certain holidays, communication styles and language, styles of dress/clothing, and more.

Culture is also expressed through the creation of books by both authors and illustrators. On this trip, we are going to keep an eye out for cultural expression in various versions of the Cinderella story.



Learn how stories are shared across different cultures.

JOURNAL TO TRACK LEARNING

Let's Travel!

Come along as we travel to four different continents, exploring different versions of the Cinderella story.

After completing each section, collect an image to remember something unique about each story.

Use cut (Ctrl+X) and paste (Ctrl+V) to move the image to your journal.

Have fun!



Cendrillon

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

My Own Story

The Irish Cinderlad

Aladeha A Philippine Cinderella



LEARN ABOUT THE PLACES & CULTURES BEHIND THE STORIES



Setting of Cendrillon

1. What is the setting of Cendrillon?

2. Click [here](#) to locate the setting on Google Earth. Then move the arrow to the correct location on the world map.

3. What specific things did you notice about the setting of Cendrillon as you were reading along?


Antigua and Barbuda, a Caribbean Island

A Caribbean Island

St. Maarten, a Caribbean Island

A world map with a red dot in the Caribbean region, indicating the setting of Cendrillon. An airplane is shown flying over the map.

IDENTIFY STORY ELEMENTS ACROSS STORIES

Character Traits in Cendrillon 





Reflect on the characters in Cendrillon.

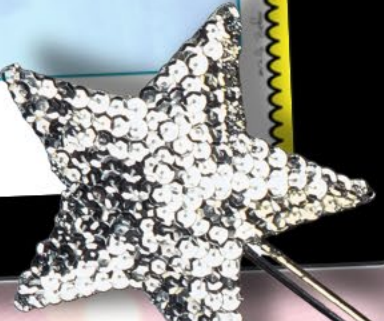
What distinctive traits does each character have?

What do their actions say about them?

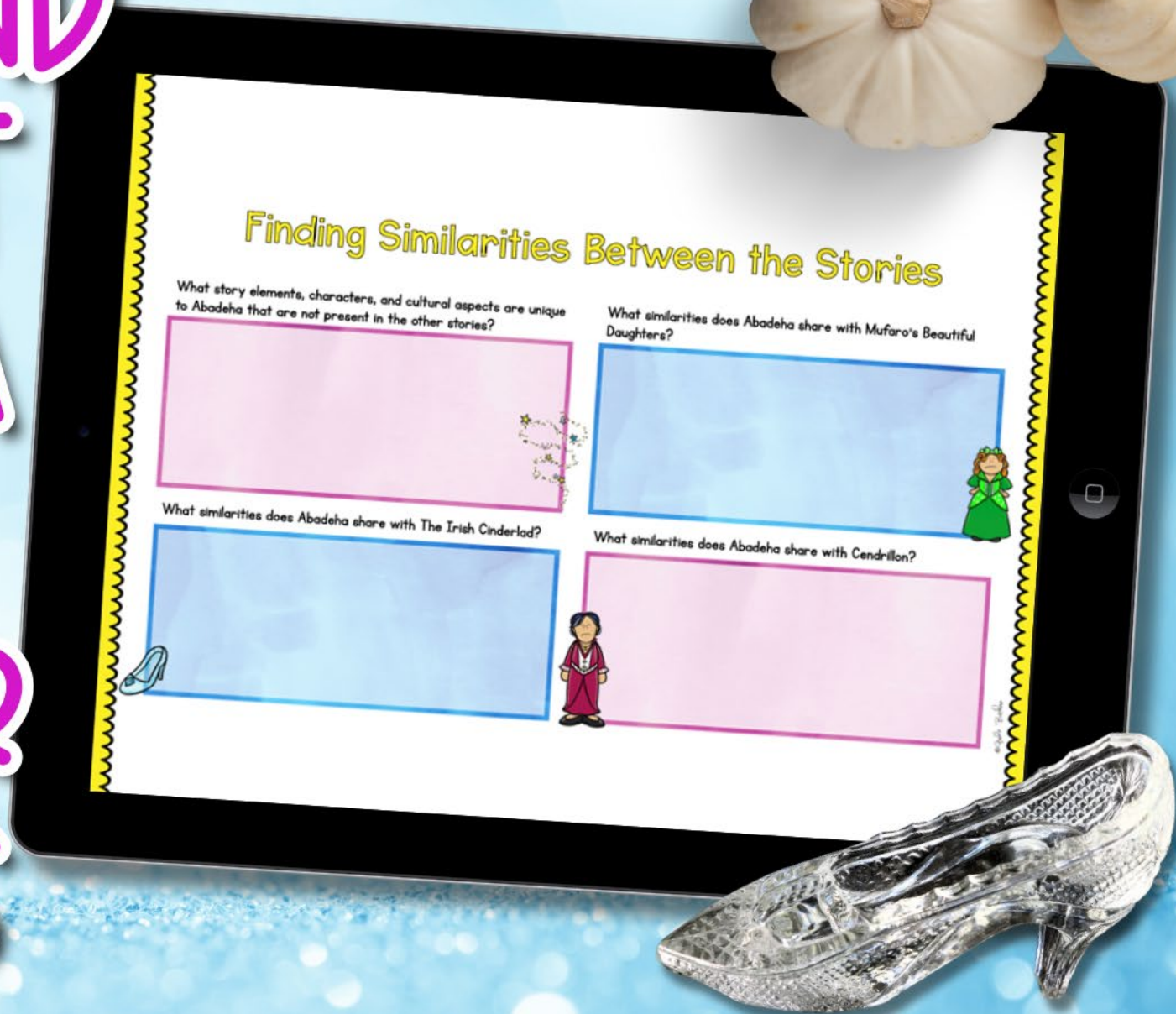
Why is each character important to the plot of the story?

Use the boxes to write out your ideas.

Cendrillon	Nannin'
	
Vitaline	Madame Prospère
	



COMPARE AND CONTRAST CINDERELLA STORIES FROM FOUR CULTURES





DRAFT YOUR OWN STORY VERSION

Write Your Own Cinderella Story

It's time to write your own Cinderella story!

Take some time to think about the similarities between the various Cinderella stories that you have explored. What do they have in common that identifies them as Cinderella stories? These are aspects that you might consider adding to your story. This is a space to jot down some notes.

Take some time to think about your own culture and how it could impact the Cinderella story that you create. What do you like to add elements of your culture to the story? Examples include language, traditions, values, and important objects. This is a space to jot down some notes.

A small illustration of a carriage and a large, sparkling star.

GOOGLE SLIDES AND SEESAW

Suggested Uses

- Assign in Google Classroom or SeeSaw
- Whole Class Activity
- Small groups or center
- Early Finisher
- Incentive or Fun Friday



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