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Exploring the Elements of a story: Cinderella

setting: Where and When the story Takes Place

Where: _____

When: _____

Characters: People, Animals, or other Creatures in the story

Hero/Protagonist:	Villain(s)/Antagonist:
Character Traits	Character Traits
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Plot (Order of Events): The Action That Takes Place in story

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Plot (Order of Events)

Exposition: Background on characters and setting explained at the beginning of story (check the right background information)

- ☐ First, the Fairy Godmother touched the pumpkin with her golden wand. There was a puff of smoke and suddenly, the pumpkin turned into a beautiful coach. Second, the Fairy Godmother touched the four mice with her golden wand.
- ☐ Then the prince found one of Cinderella's delicate glass slippers on the steps of the castle. In her rush to leave, the slipper had fallen off, and she hadn't stopped to put it back on her foot.
- ☐ When Cinderella was very young, she had a happy life. Then, one day, her mother died. Soon after, Cinderella's father married a woman who had 2 daughters of her own. Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters were not kind. The stepmother gave her daughters, Lottie and Dottie, fancy dresses and wonderful toys. She gave Cinderella nothing.
- ☐ That day, the stepmother gave Cinderella a long list of chores to do. All that long day, Cinderella scrubbed and tidied. There was no time to make a new dress. The next day, the stepmother gave Cinderella a longer list of chores to do.

Conflict: When characters are against each other

Who is describing the correct conflict?

- ☐ Lottie: Cinderella is sent to her grandmother's house with a basket of food. Along the way, she meets up with a wolf who tries to get her to stray from the path.
- ☐ Dottie: Cinderella is in a tornado, and ends up in a magical land far away. She has to find her way home by following the Yellow Brick Road, but there is a wicked witch mad at her.
- ☐ Cinderella: Cinderella wants to marry a prince, but the wicked queen does not believe that Cinderella is a princess. The queen forces Cinderella to sleep on a pile of 100 mattresses with a pea hidden under it.
- ☐ Prince: Cinderella wants to attend a ball at the Prince's castle, but her stepmother and stepsisters try to prevent her from going and meeting the Prince.

Climax: When the conflict is resolved

- ☐ Is it when the Fairy Godmother appears and turns the pumpkin into a coach?
- ☐ Is it when the Prince finds the glass slipper on the steps of the castle?
- ☐ Is it when the Prince puts the glass slipper on Cinderella's foot and it fits?
- ☐ Is it when the page arrives at the house with an invitation to the ball?
- ☐ Is it when Cinderella has to complete a long list of chores?

Resolution: What happens to the characters after the conflict is resolved

- ☐ soon after, Cinderella and the Prince married. The stepmother, Lottie, and Dottie moved to the castle, too. They ate a lot of chocolates and ham sandwiches, and lived happily ever after.
- ☐ When Cinderella arrived at the ball, everyone looked at her. She was the most beautiful young woman at the castle. She looked so different with a clean face and nice clothes that the stepmother, Lottie, and Dottie did not know who she was.
- ☐ On the third day, the stepmother gave Cinderella the longest list of chores yet. Cinderella worked hard all day, and she still didn't finish her chores. There was no time to make a new dress.
- ☐ "Enjoy yourself at the ball," said the Fairy Godmother. "But be warned: the magic will end at midnight, and everything will be as it was before."

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Assessment: Elements of a story

1. Which of the following happens first in Cinderella:
 - a. The Prince finds Cinderella's glass slipper.
 - b. The Prince comes to Cinderella's house.
 - c. Cinderella and the Prince marry.
 - d. Cinderella leaves the ball.
2. Name the time when Cinderella takes place.
 - a. the past
 - b. the present
 - c. the future
3. Who is the hero in Cinderella?
 - a. Lottie
 - b. stepmother
 - c. Cinderella
4. What is another word for the resolution?
 - a. ending
 - b. explanation
 - c. mystery
5. Which of these is the conflict in Cinderella?
 - a. Cinderella faces a wolf on the way to her Grandmother's.
 - b. A tornado carries Cinderella to a far away land.
 - c. Cinderella wants to attend a ball but her stepmother tries to prevent her from going.
 - d. Cinderella trades her cow for three magic beans.
6. Why is the climax referred to as a "turning point" of the story?
 - a. The hero turns his back on the villain and ignores him.
 - b. The villain realizes he needs to change his actions.
 - c. It is when the plot changes for better or worse for the hero.
 - c. The villain turns into a hero.
7. select the correct climax for Cinderella.
 - a. The Fairy Godmother turns the pumpkin into a coach.
 - b. The Prince finds the glass slipper on the steps of the castle.
 - c. The Prince puts the glass slipper on Cinderella's foot and it fits.
8. Which is an example of an event in the plot of Cinderella?
 - a. The page arrives at the house with an invitation to the ball.
 - b. Cinderella pricks her finger on a spinning wheel.
 - c. Cinderella meets three bears.

9. Which is the resolution to Cinderella?
- a. Cinderella was the most beautiful young woman at the ball.
 - b. Cinderella worked hard all day, but didn't finish her chores.
 - c. Cinderella and the Prince married.
 - d. At midnight the coach turned back into a pumpkin.
10. What is an important piece of background information or exposition in the Cinderella story?
- a. The stepmother made Cinderella a long list of chores to do.
 - b. The Fairy Godmother turned a pumpkin into a coach.
 - c. Cinderella's father married a woman who had two daughters of her own.
 - d. The Prince hoped to find a bride at the ball.
11. What is the best definition of exposition?
- a. The exposition is background information on the characters and story.
 - b. The exposition is the series of events in the story.
 - c. The exposition is when the hero saves the day.
 - d. The exposition is the description of the characters' personalities.
12. Which of the following describes the setting of Cinderella?
- a. space shuttle b. North Pole c. a faraway kingdom
13. Which is NOT a characteristic of Cinderella's villains?
- a. mean b. lazy c. kind d. nasty
14. Why is the conflict important to a story?
- a. It shows that people are very different.
 - b. It is what makes the story very exciting.
 - c. It provides background on the characters.

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