

“... putting the slipper to her foot, he found it went on very easily,
and fitted her as if it had been made of wax.”

Reading Notes

cinder	a partially burned piece of coal or wood
symbol	something that stands for something else; an object that has a range of meaning or significance beyond itself
godmother	a woman who serves as a sponsor and protector of a child, usually at a baptism

Vocabulary

Definitions Bank

good manners; politeness

twisted or turned; not straight

surprise; amazement

unpleasant; hateful

1. they made her own daughters appear the more **odious** unpleasant; hateful
2. Anyone but Cinderella would have dressed their heads **awry** twisted or turned; not straight
3. She went and sat down by her sisters, showing them a thousand **civilities** good manners; politeness
4. The **astonishment** her two sisters were in surprise; amazement

Comprehension Questions

1. Why could Cinderella's stepmother not "bear the good qualities of this pretty girl"? Because Cinderella's good qualities made her own daughters appear all the more odious.
2. List three jobs that Cinderella's stepmother demanded she do. scour the dishes and tables; scrub madam's and her daughters' chambers; iron the sisters' linens and plait their ruffles
3. As the two sisters were preparing for the ball, "anyone but Cinderella would have dressed their heads awry, but Cinderella dressed them perfectly well." Why do you think Cinderella still dressed them neatly? What does this reveal about her? Cinderella still dressed them neatly because she has excellent, virtuous character. It reveals how good and pure Cinderella is.

4. After Cinderella's fairy godmother changes her clothes into the most beautiful attire, what specific command does she give her? And what will happen if Cinderella breaks the command? _____
The command is to not stay one moment after midnight. If she does, all of her coach, horses, coachmen, footmen, and clothes will become just as they were before.
5. How does Cinderella treat her sisters when it is discovered that the glass slipper fits her and she is the beautiful lady? _____ She forgives them with all of her heart. She even offers her sisters lodging in the palace.

Quotations

"There came thither the finest princess, the most beautiful ever was seen with mortal eyes; she showed us a thousand civilities, and gave us oranges and citrons."

1. Who said this? _____ one of the sisters

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Cinderella's sisters treated her so terribly? Was it just because Cinderella was their stepsister, or something more?
2. Of what significance is the glass slipper? Could the glass slipper be a symbol for something more important or greater?

Enrichment

1. Draw a picture of an object from your childhood that means much more to you than simply the material that the object is made of. In other words, draw a picture of an object that is very special to you!

