

Cinderella Stories Around the World!

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Do you know the story of Cinderella?

The story has been around for a very, very long time. Many countries even have their own versions!

One famous Cinderella story came from France. In this story, Cinderella is a girl who is kind. She lives with her stepsisters and stepmother. But they are not nice to her. Cinderella has a **magical** fairy godmother. The fairy godmother helps her. In the end, Cinderella marries a prince. She lives happily ever after.

What are other versions of this story like? A lot of them have a girl as the main **character**. Many also have **magical characters**. They

help the girl.

Korea has many different Cinderella stories. In one story, a goblin helps the young girl. This goblin is called a *tokgabi* in Korean. In other Korean stories, *tokgabi* trick people!

Cendrillon is another Cinderella story. This story comes from the West Indies. The West Indies is a group of **islands**. In this story, the **island** breeze is **magical**. It makes the main girl a dress out of leaves!

Iraq also has a Cinderella story. In it, a girl catches a fish. The fish promises to help her. It gives her golden clogs, or shoes. Later, a prince finds one of the clogs!

All of these Cinderella stories have different **characters**. Different things happen in the stories. But the main **character** is always kind. And there is always a happy ending!

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1. In the story from France, who helps Cinderella?

- A. her stepmother
- B. her fairy godmother
- C. her stepsisters

2. How does the text describe Cinderella?

- A. a girl who is kind
- B. a girl who is not nice
- C. a girl who tricks people

3. Read these sentences from the text.

"Korea has many different Cinderella stories. In one story, a goblin helps the young girl. This goblin is called a tokgabi in Korean. In other Korean stories, tokgabi trick people!"

What conclusion can you draw from this evidence?

- A. The girl in the Korean version of Cinderella does not need help.
- B. Korea does not have its own version of Cinderella.
- C. Depending on the story, a tokgabi isn't always helpful.

4. What is the text mostly about?

- A. Cinderella is a story about a red fish who helps a girl meet a prince.
- B. There are many versions of Cinderella stories around the world.
- C. Cinderella is a girl with two stepsisters who are not nice to her.

5. Based on the text, how does the island breeze help the main girl in *Cendrillon*?

It makes her a _____.

6. What did you learn from the text "Cinderella Stories Around the World!"?

7. Class Discussion Question: Different countries have their own versions of Cinderella. Explain how these different versions are similar.

8. Draw a picture of the Cinderella story from Iraq.