



Lesson 4: Teacher Guide and Notes



The *Cinderella* unit includes a lesson focused on character study with a detailed comparison of Cinderella and her step-sisters. Answers to the student charts are included in the filled-in charts below.

Lesson Overview

Common Core Objectives	
<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says and when drawing inferences. (RL 4.1)• Describe a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, referring to specific details in the text. (RL 4.3)• Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes, topics and patterns in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures. (RL 4.9)• Communicate with others in a range of settings (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher- led) about grade-level topics and texts. (SL 4.1)• Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and details to support main ideas or themes. (SL 4.4)• Write routinely over extended and shorter time frames for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. (W 4.10)	
Teacher Materials	Student Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lesson 4: Teacher Guide and Notes• <i>Cinderella</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Charts for Lesson #4



Activity 4A. Character Sketch

Overview: The teacher uses the character sketch notes below to guide students in comparing and contrasting Cinderella and her step-sisters.

Materials: Teacher Notes for Lesson 4; Student Chart 4A

- Hand out the student charts for Lesson 4 and refer to Student Chart 4A.
- Have students work in pairs or groups to complete the character sketch. For each portion of the sketch, have one or two pairs share their responses with the whole class. Guide students to finding the correct responses using the answer key.

Answer Key: Cinderella and Her Stepsisters

Characteristics (What they are like)

The sentences below describe what Cinderella is like. Find words or pictures in the book that show how her stepsisters are different. Write words that describes the stepsisters on the lines. Then mark whether your evidence is in the story or a picture and write the page you found it on.

1. Cinderella is *pleasing*. Her stepsisters are silly and selfish. [text, pg. 1]
2. Cinderella is *beautiful*. Her stepsisters are ugly. [picture, varies]
3. Cinderella is *charming* and *kind*. Her stepsisters are mean. [text, pg. 7]
4. Cinderella is *dear*. Her stepsisters are spoiled. [text, pg. 7]
5. Cinderella wears *rags*. Her stepsisters wear beautiful dresses. [picture, varies]

Everyday Life (What their lives are like)

In the boxes below, write some things that describe what Cinderella’s everyday life and her stepsisters’ everyday lives are like.

Living Conditions (How they live)

1. Cinderella sleeps on a thin mattress in the attic. (p. 5)
2. The stepsisters sleep in a lavish bedroom. (p. 5)
3. Cinderella sits near the fireplace by the cinders. (p. 7)
4. Her stepsisters have all of the luxuries they want. (p. 5)



Routine (What they do)	
<p>Cinderella</p> <p>5. sweeps floors (p. 3)</p> <p>6. washes, dries, and presses laundry (p. 3)</p> <p>7. scrubs the stairs (p. 4)</p> <p>8. cleans and scours the dishes, pots, and pans (p. 4)</p>	<p>The Stepsisters</p> <p>9. tease Cinderella (p. 8)</p> <p>10. do no chores</p>
Similarities (Things the three girls have in common)	
<p>Write three things that are the same about Cinderella and her two stepsisters. Use the page numbers to help you find the information.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All three girls live in the same house with the stepmother and the father. (p. 2) 2. All three girls would like to go to the ball. (p. 8) 3. All three girls would like to try on the slipper/marry the prince. (pp. 25-26) 	
Compare and Contrast	
<p>Write two sentences that <u>compare</u> Cinderella and her stepsisters. How are they <u>alike</u>, or <u>similar</u>? Then write two sentences that <u>contrast</u> Cinderella and her stepsisters. How are they <u>different</u>?</p>	
<p>Example (will vary):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cinderella and her stepsisters are similar because all three girls would like to go to the ball. They are also similar because all three girls would like to marry the prince. 2. But Cinderella is different from her stepsisters because she is pleasing and they are mean. They are also different because Cinderella sleeps on a thin mattress in the attic and her stepsisters sleep in a lavish bedroom. 	