

Characteristics of Cinderella

The character (or protagonist) in “Cinderella” is Cinderella herself; she is the character with whom we are meant to identify. After reading the Perrault and Grimm versions of the tale, review each one carefully to identify the **specific characteristics** attributed to Cinderella in each and determine whether or not they are **implicit** or **explicit**. Create a list of these characteristics, indicating whether or not they are implicit or explicit.

PERRAULT’S “CINDERELLA”

EXAMPLE: Cinderella is “sweetness itself”
explicit

GRIMM’S “ASHPUTTLE”

Cinderella is obedient (she
obeys her mother’s dying
command) *implicit*

Use the back of the sheet to identify how the different **audiences** and **purposes** affect the two versions of the tale.

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