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” | CINDERELLA is obedient (she obeys her mother’s dying command) |
| explicit | implicit |

**GRIMM’S “ASHPUTTLE”**

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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