

Read Aloud-Think Aloud Questions

Interstellar Cinderella

Introduction and Questions About the Traditional [Disney] Cinderella

- How many of you know the story of Cinderella? Have any of you read the book or had someone read it to you? How many of you have seen the Cinderella movie?
- What do you remember about the plot of the story of Cinderella? [Have a few volunteers share.]
- The story of Cinderella is very well-known, isn't it? Cinderella is a folktale. It's called a folktale because people "told" the tale to each other for many, many years, and eventually, it was written down.
- Folktales that have magic in the story, like the Cinderella story, are also called fairytales.
- As folktales are shared, or passed down, the story sometimes changes.
- Today I have a *new* Cinderella story to share with you . . . [show the book cover]

Questions About the Cover and Predictions

- What do you notice about this cover? Does the girl on the cover look like the Cinderella that you imagined?
- What do you think "Interstellar" means?
- Why do you think that Meg Hunt, the illustrator, chose these colors for the book?
- How do you think the girl on the cover is feeling? Why do you think that?
- What do you predict will happen in this story? Why?

Comprehension Questions During the Read Aloud

- Why would Cinderella sneak away to study ship repair?
- How do you think Cinderella felt when she realized that her stepsisters took her toolbox? What makes you think that?
- Does anyone know what "SOS" means?
- Who responded to Murgatroyd's SOS?
- What did Cinderella most like about the space parade?
- How did Cinderella help the prince?
- Was the sonic socket wrench a special tool? How do you know?
- Why did Cinderella leave quickly when she saw the clock?
- Why did the prince search for Cinderella?
- Why do you think Cinderella's stepmother trapped her in the attic?
- How did Cinderella catch up to the prince?
- Why did Cinderella want to be the prince's chief mechanic?
- How did Cinderella feel at the end of the story? How do you know?

Inference Questions During the Read Aloud

- Do you think that Cinderella wanted to go with her family to the Prince's Royal Space Parade?
 - Why do you infer that?
- How did Cinderella's stepsisters and stepmother feel about Cinderella?
 - Why do you infer that?

Think Aloud Questions to Make Connections After the Read Aloud

- Cinderella's passion was repairing spaceships. She dreamed about fixing fancy rockets. What did Cinderella do to try to make her dream come true?
- Think about a dream that you have. What is your dream? What things could you do to help make your dream come true?
- Why do you think Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters left her behind when they went to the Royal Space Parade?
- Who had a problem in this story? Cinderella? The prince? The stepsisters? Why do you think that?
- How did Cinderella solve her problem?
- Did Cinderella also solve a problem for the prince? What did she do?
- Were you surprised by the ending? Why?
- What do you think happened to Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters?
- How is the story of Interstellar Cinderella different from the story of Cinderella that you already knew? How is it the same?
- Which Cinderella story do you like best? Why?