
The Tasks of Cinderella

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The following are some tasks that use ICT to enhance and support the activities. The activities are based on the most familiar version of the story. There are, however, many alternatives to the Cinderella story. The book list above and information on the Story Teller CD-ROM including Web links together provide details of the many other variations which could be used for alternatives to the following tasks:

- Write an invitation to the King's Ball. The invitation is addressed to Cinderella's father and stepmother, and their children. Use a suitable DTP package to provide a border and decoration for the invitation. Use the clip art on the Story Teller CD-ROM to help with pictures of, for example, the Kings castle.
- Think about those people who appear in Cinderella and might write a diary covering the period of the story. Choose one of them and write their diary. To help with the layout of the diary use a standard template in a word processor or fill in the dates and days in a spreadsheet. When you are writing the diary think of the sort of person they are, what they consider important and how they feel about others. The diary should start just before the story begins so that you can convey a sense of the person's everyday life. It may continue beyond the story's end if you like.
- Write a scene for a play to feature Cinderella, her step-sisters and perhaps her stepmother as well. You might choose an occasion when Cinderella is being given work to do, when she is wanting to go to the ball or when she is being told about the unknown beauty who danced with the prince. Use a suitable template in a word processor to help with the layout of cast names on the left and script on the right.
- Use newspaper layout software or template in a DTP package to produce the front page of a tabloid-style newspaper. The lead report is of the events of last night's ball. It must give an exciting, though not necessarily truthful, account of the ball and the most sensational things which happened there. Once again, use the clip art on the Story Teller CD-ROM to help with the illustrations for the newspaper.
- The Court Circular, an official publication, needs you to write a report of the series of three balls which were recently held in the palace. The style should be calm and factual, including all the notable things which happened. It should also mention some of the most important people there and the things they did and said. A carefully constructed word bank for the word processor can help here to provide ideas for more formal words and phrases.
- Following the ball the Prince has asked for a series of 'Missing Person' posters to be put up to prepare people for the efforts to find the woman whom the glass slipper fits. Use a graphics layout program to produce a suitable poster. It must get the main points over with few words and be large enough to see from a distance.