



What you **didn't**
know about

Cinderella



To Whom It May Concern,

I am sick of everybody feeling sorry for Cinderella. Yes, she cleaned our house and did the chores, but she got paid for it! She would spend half of the day cooking and cleaning and the rest she would spend picking wildflowers in the field. My sister and I both worked jobs in the village.

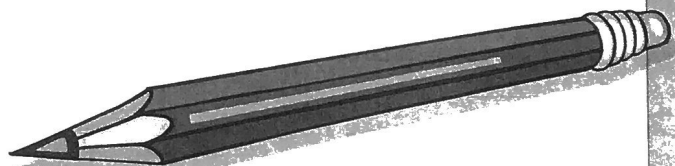
When my mother married Cinderella's father we moved into their house. At first, Cinderella, my sister and I all shared a bedroom. Cinderella hated it and said she would rather live in the filthy tower than with us. Her father let her move rooms, hoping she would change her mind - but she didn't.

Cinderella never approved of her father having another wife. It was obvious she did not want us around. She was always an only child and now she had to share her father's affection.

It really upsets me that my sister and I are called the Ugly Stepsisters. What sort of person makes up that nickname for their family? She is a bully. We can't help that we weren't born as pretty as she was.

Nobody has ever bothered to ask us our side of the story. We hope Cinderella is happy with Prince Charming. It would be nice to hear an apology from her one day.

Yours,
A Stepsister



Focus: Making Connections - Drawing on Prior Knowledge

Whenever you read, you bring what you already know about the subject to the text.
Use this prior knowledge to make sense of the new information you read.

Write down two things you already knew about Cinderella.

Literal Questions

Who wrote the letter? _____

How many people moved into Cinderella's house? _____

What did Cinderella never approve of? _____

Focus: Points of View of Different Characters

Most stories have several characters. The way these characters think or feel about things will vary.
It is important to consider the thoughts or feelings of different characters while reading.

Circle the words that describe how the stepsister may feel.

upset happy hurt angry glad distressed
annoyed cheerful sad pleased saddened

Write two words you would use to describe Cinderella.

How does the stepsister feel about being called **ugly**?

Inference Questions

Why do you think the stepsister wants an apology? Explain.

Write two things you learned about Cinderella from reading this letter.