



# RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S

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## **Getting to Know You:**

#### The Cast of Cinderella

The cast of *Cinderella* was asked what they would request if a fairy godmother were to grant them one wish, not for the world, not for family and friends, but for themselves. This is how they responded.



Samantha Aaron (Charlotte) I'd wish to be able to travel everywhere, and speak the languages of other countries. I think it would be wonderful to

immerse myself in cultures and worlds so different from our own.



Javier Anselmo (Ensemble) I would wish for a magical hourglass that could turn back time. I would be able to relive my favorite memories with my

friends and I would never be late to anything ever again!



Stacie Bendixen (Ensemble) My wish would be to speak any language, so I could travel confidently anywhere in the world!



Faith Brooks (*Ella*) I would wish for mastery of every instrument created, or a life of leisure so I'd have more time to spend with my friends and family.



Toné Cheré (Ensemble) I would wish for a vacation out of the United States, preferably on an island in the Bahamas or in Jamaica.



Dakota Eiselstein (Topher) I would wish for a closet full of fun and colorful clothes that I could wear everywhere and truly express myself.



Joey Furnald (Ensemble) I'd wish for a blue 1959 Chevy Impala with a smooth street to drive it on and a white Fender Jazzmaster electric guitar. And a pepperoni pizza.



Jillian Gabby (Ensemble) I would like to travel to the past and live in 1920s Paris as a writer. I could also visit Queen Elizabeth I or Cleopatra and see a matriarchal society.



Alexandra Gray (Madame) I would wish for a giant closet to store all my clothes and shoes.



**Ben Hall** (Ensemble) | wish | could have a superpower. Super strenath would be fun!



**Greta Hammond** (Ensemble) I would wish for a plane ticket to Europe. I would love to visit every European country in my lifetime.



Julie Larson (Marie) I would wish for the ability to fly. I would like to just step out of my door, take a big leap, and launch into the air and zip wherever I needed to

go, way above the trees, coasting along on a warm breeze.



**Connor McAdoo** (*Ensemble*) I would wish for a time machine to be able to see the world at different points in history and see how people lived.



**Greg Millar** (Lord Pinkleton) I would like my fairy godmother to get me a racehorse good enough to run in the Kentucky Derby. I would name him (or her) Charlie Horse.



**Maverick Mundt** (Fox Puppeteer) I would wish to go to the Olympics in men's gymnastics and win a gold medal!



Tatum Murphy (Gabrielle) I would wish for a full-ride scholarship to my dream college, or a huge house with a big yard so I can own a lot of dogs.



**Caitlyn Porter** (Ensemble) I would wish to be happy and satisfied and to lead a life that is positive and doesn't contain stress.



Keelin Reilly (Jean-Michel) I would wish for a billion zillion zinnia sees so that I could grow a whole field of pink, purple, and red flowers.



Charlotte Rempe (Raccoon Puppeteer) I would wish for a pet bear that can dance, preferably in a tutu, because bears are my favorite animal.



**Isabella Rempe** (*Page*) I would wish for another dog because you can never have too many dogs!



Josh Sampson (Sebastian) I would ask to live in a galaxy far, far away and be transformed into a Jedi Master or Mandalorian, one of the

many species of the Star Wars . I would also have a cool sidekick like Chewbacca, Grogu, R2-D2, or BB-8.



Maddie Topliff (Ensemble) I would wish for every pair of shoes I try on to automatically fit me perfectly, no matter what size they are!



**Sophia Towns** (*Page*) I would wish to be in a Marvel movie as the next female Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man.



Heather Tragesser (Ensemble) I would wish for lifetime passes to any Disney park so that my guests and I could have unlimited rides with no waiting

in lines, free food and beverages, and a stay in the nicest suite.



**Stella Webster** (*Ensemble*) I would wish to teleport and see the whole world without having to fly. I'd also wish to take my family and friends with me!

What about YOU? What would you wish for?

If a fairy godmother were to grant me one wish, not for the world, not for family and friends, but for me, I would wish...

### **Cinderella!** Cinderella!

The first known Cinderella story, *Rhodopis*, is recognized as having originated in Greece during the first century B.C.E. It tells of a girl who was bathing when an eagle snatched one of her sandals and carried it to the king and flung it in his lap. The king, enchanted by the beautiful shape of the sandal and by the strangeness of its arrival, sent men in many directions all over the country in quest of the woman who wore the sandal. When she was found, she was brought to the king and became his wife.

The earliest printed version of Cinderella, *Yeh-Shen*, comes from China in 860 AD. However, the most well-known version of the story was written by French author Charles Perrault in 1697. He based his tale on a folk story from Italy entitled *Cenerentola*. It was Perrault who added the pumpkin, fairy godmother, and glass slippers. The Grimm Brothers took some elements of this story and created a darker version, *Ashchenputtel*.

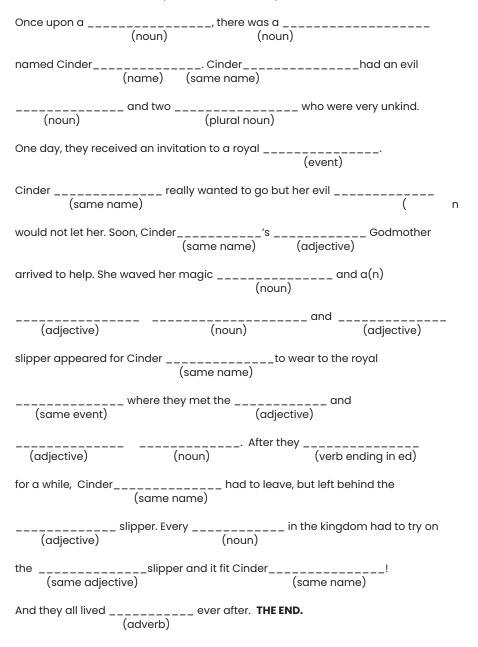
The Cinderella story, although with a variety of titles, occurs in nearly every culture in the world. In England, she was known as Tattercoats; in Norway, Katie Woodencloak, and in Serbia, *Pepelyouga* is a story in which the magic is performed by a cow!

#### Here is a list of Cinderella stories from around the world and their authors to get you started!

- Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China by Ai-Ling Louie
- Rough-Face Girl by Rafe Martin
- The Way Meat Loves Salt: A Cinderella Tale from the Jewish Tradition by Nina Jaffe
- The Golden Sandal: A Middle Eastern Cinderella Story by Rebecca Hickox
- Jouanah: A Hmong Cinderella by Jewell Reinhart Coburn
- The Turkey Girl: A Zuni Cinderella Story by Penny Pollock
- The Persian Cinderella by Shirley Climo
- Angkat. The Cambodian Cinderella by Jewell Reinhart Coburn
- Estrellita de oro / Little Gold Star. A Cinderella Cuento by Joe Hayes
- Sootface by Robert D. San Souci
- Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella by Robert D. San Souci
- The Korean Cinderella by Shirley Climo
- Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
- Domitila: A Cinderella Tale from the Mexican Tradition by Jewell Reinhart Coburn
- Raisel's Riddle by Erica Silverman
- Anklet for a Princess: A Cinderella Story from India by Lila Mehta
- The Gift of the Crocodile: A Cinderella Story by Judy Sierra
- The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo
- The Golden Slipper. A Vietnamese Legend by Darrell H. Y. Lum
- Little Gold Star. A Spanish American Cinderella Tale by Robert D. San Souci
- Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave by Marianna Mayer
- Abadeha: The Philippine Cinderella by Myrna J. De LA Paz
- Chinye: A West African Folk Tale by Obi Onyefulu
- Adelaida: A Cuban Cinderella by Ana Monnar

#### **Mad Lib**

Create your OWN Cinderella story using this Mad Lib. You can be serious, or create a silly, "fractured" fairy tale.



## Are Your Manners Fit for a Queen (or King)?

If you are off to the ball to meet the prince or princess of your dreams, there are certain things you should know. Royals demand a certain level of respect, so be prepared to put on your very best manners.

- When the royal family are all in attendance at an event, they will stand in a receiving line. Approach the monarchs from the right. Your name will be announced. Men should bow and ladies curtsey if they are citizens of the monarch's country. Only shake a monarch's hand when it is offered.
- If you should already be in the room when the queen arrives, everyone stands.
- Address a queen or king as "Your Majesty" upon meeting them. You may call them "ma'am" or "sir" for the remainder of the conversation, but use "Your Majesty" at the end of your chat. Royals who are not heads of state, such as princes and princesses, should be called "Your Royal Highness."
- It is considered impolite to turn your back on the queen.
- If you are invited to dine with the royal family, do not begin to eat until the queen begins. Stop eating when she stops, even if you are not finished. Queen Victoria of England was a notoriously fast eater and was known to eat a multi-course meal in under 30 minutes. Guests who ate meals with her often found their unfinished plates taken away before they were done!

#### **Royalty vs. Aristocracy**

Royals are sovereigns who rule a country, usually for life, and are succeeded by either a spouse or child. Aristocrats are those who rule by virtue of inherited wealth and social position.

The order of rank, in descending order, is Duke, Marquess, Earl/Count, Viscount, and Baron.

Everyone knows that King and Queen are two titles that belong together. Match these other titles.

- 1. Marquess
- 2. Duke
- 3. Viscount
- 4. Earl
- 5. Baron
- 6. Knight

- a. Countess
- b. Baroness
- c. Marchioness
- d. Duchess
- e. Dame
- f. Viscountess

#### AFTER THE SHOW: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

During the song "In My Own Little Corner," Cinderella takes an imagination vacation to escape from the drudgery of her life. She daydreams about exotic places, adventures, and challenges. **When you are in your own "little corner", what do you dream of becoming and doing?** 

Topher says to Ella, "You are a good friend to Marie. How lucky she is to have a true friend such as you." What makes a true friend?

Alexandra Gray and Samantha Aaron play the roles of the nasty, self-serving Madame and Charlotte. The women playing these roles are not like their characters at all. However, they will admit to having a great deal of fun playing the "bad guys." Why do you think it is fun to play the role of the villain?

In this play, a pumpkin is transformed into a coach. A pumpkin has a round shape like a coach, so the vehicle we see still looks something like a pumpkin. A watermelon has a distinctive shape. **Put your magic cap on and think of the different things a watermelon could be transformed into and then what kind of marvelous adventures you might take in it.** 

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#### **Read Between the Lines**

The following are lines spoken by different characters throughout the show. Can you match each line with the character who says it? What does each line tell us about that character?

<ol> <li>"You are a good friend to Marie. How lucky she is to have a true friend such as you. I wish I had a true friend."</li> </ol>	Ella
2. "Today I will be going alone to the castle to protest the	Topher
corruption that riddles our government!"	Charlotte
<ol> <li>"If you have a dream, then very soon thereafter you're going to have to fight for it."</li> </ol>	Sebastian
<ol> <li>"Kindness is practiced now in all the great courts. Ridicule isn't done anywhere anymore. It's all kindness now."</li> </ol>	Marie
	Gabrielle
<ol><li>"He spent the entire evening talking and dancing with some little nobody."</li></ol>	Madame
6. "Don't forget who you're talking to."	Jean-Michael
<ol> <li>"Which is the prince? I mean come on! What do you think I'm here for, the free food?"</li> </ol>	
8. "You are so kind, thank you. You make me wish I were a better person."	

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