

Discussion questions about the Cinderella myth

- Describe each of the major characters in a Cinderella story as you can.
- When do you first remember hearing a Cinderella story?
- How many different versions of the Cinderella story do you know?
- Are Princess Diana or Harry Potter like Cinderella? Is there anyone else whose life story is like Cinderella's?
- What other other real-life Cinderella stories or recent films have Cinderella themes?

Some exploratory statements about the Cinderella myth in a Step Forward activity

- If you enjoyed the Cinderella story when you were young, step forward.
- If you have ever identified with Cinderella, step forward.
- If you have ever admired Cinderella, step forward.
- If you know any persons today who seem to be like Cinderella, step forward.
- If you believe in magic, step forward.
- If you believe some spirit is protecting you, step forward.
- If you long for a prince or princess to guide and protect you, step forward.
- If you believe that, once you love a person, everything is okay, step forward.
- If you believe there is a perfect person out there for you, step forward.
- If you think most stepmothers are morally bad, step forward.
- If you believe that most stepsisters and stepbrothers are morally bad, step forward.
- If you believe your life will have a happy ending, step forward.
- If you think Cinderella is rather stupid, step forward.

Debriefing Questions about the Cinderella Myth in a Step Forward Activity

- How did you feel at the start of the activity?
- How did you feel at the end of the activity?
- What surprised you?
- Were you embarrassed about stepping forward to any questions?
- Did this activity reinforce or cause you to reconsider any parts of the Cinderella myth?

Homework:

Imagine that you were Cinderella and you could enjoy one special night as you wished. What would you do that night? Who would you meet? Where would you go? What would you wear? What would you eat? Describe how you would spend your special night in as much detail as possible. Your response should be about 100-200 words in length.