

# Story Summaries

When you write or tell a **summary for a fiction story**, include the main ideas, such as the goals of the characters, how the characters tried to reach those goals, and whether the goals were reached. Remember, a summary is a short statement of only a few sentences.

Think about the story "Cinderella." Answer the questions to determine a good summary for the story.

**1** What was each character's main goal in the story? How did he or she try to reach it?

Cinderella \_\_\_\_\_  
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Stepmother \_\_\_\_\_  
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Prince \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2** Which characters reached their goals?

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**3** Which character did not reach his or her goal?

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**4** Which is the best summary for the story "Cinderella"?

- a. Cinderella was a girl who wore rags and had to clean her stepmother's house every day. Despite this, Cinderella was very beautiful and kind. This made her stepmother and stepsisters jealous and angry.
- b. Cinderella is the story of a girl who was kept as a servant of her mean stepmother. Cinderella wanted a happy life and she found it when, with the help of her fairy godmother, she went to the ball and met the prince. Cinderella left a shoe behind at the ball. The prince searched the land and finally found and married her.