

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Cinderella* (2005)

**Film Length in Minutes:** 88 minutes

**Film Genre:** Fantasy

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Ashley L., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** March 27, 2021

Cinderella is an animation that follows the same storyline as Disney's Cinderella. Cinderella is portrayed as a kind-hearted and beautiful girl whose mother died and ever since then her world has turned upside down. Her father married a widow who has two cruel and envious step-sisters who have the same personality as the stepmother herself. Cinderella is always bombarded with work by her stepmother and stepsisters and rarely gets to go anywhere. She only has talking animal friends who are as positive as herself. One day, an invitation from the King arrived, welcoming every lady to a royal ball that will give them a chance of a lifetime: to meet and possibly be the prince's future bride. The step-sisters are overwhelmed with joy and Cinderella asks if she can go. The stepmother says no and tells her to clean the house. Overwhelmed with sadness, she rushes out crying and her fairy godmother soon appears. The fairy godmother says she will grant Cinderella to go to the ball and creates a carriage, glass slippers, a ball gown, and henchmen for Cinderella. She then tells Cinderella that all her magic will be gone by midnight. Cinderella hurries to the ball and immediately dances with the prince. Midnight then strikes and Cinderella rushes off. In a hurry by doing so, she loses a glass slipper which the prince holds on to. The very next day, The prince goes to every maiden's house and lets every lady try the glass slipper. Soon enough, the prince found his Cinderella and they lived *happily ever after*.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by a title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found it by casually browsing through the website.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?*

It didn't keep me interested.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

It was slow.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

Pre-K and up.

*Rating:*

*3 stars: It was okay; I had hoped for better*

The sound quality and animation were lousy and whoever was the voice actor did a horrible job because the voices were not only obnoxious but annoying. The drawing was so bad and the movements are achingly slow. Compared to the Disney Cinderella, that is horrible. I liked the character though. Cinderella reminded me of Anne Frank: positive in a helpless situation. A child would probably like this movie though. I recommend this movie to kids ages 4-7.

**Reviewer Name and Grade: Dhikshika C., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date Reviewed: March 18, 2021**

*Cinderella* (2005) is a film based on the well-known Disney fairy tale *Cinderella*. Cinderella is a sweet, caring young lady who lives with her wicked stepmother and two jealous stepsisters. They keep her enslaved in rags and overwork her. Cinderella struggles to keep up with the large quantities of work her stepfamily assigns her. She keeps a good outlook on life and befriends animals such as mice and birds. One day, a letter from the King arrives at the house, inviting every maiden in the kingdom to a royal ball in the hopes of marrying their Prince. Everyone is ecstatic, but Cinderella's stepfamily forbids her to go. She begins to cry, her heart broken by the cruelty of her step-sisters and step-mother. Her Fairy Godmother then appears and consoles her by transforming ordinary objects lying around them into extravagant ones in order to get her to the ball. The Fairy Godmother prepares a lovely carriage, henchmen, a stunning ball gown, and tiny glass slippers for her to dance the night away in. She warns Cinderella that the magic will wear off when the clock strikes midnight, and all of the objects she charmed would revert their original state. Cinderella rushes to the ball and everyone is stunned by her beauty. She catches the eye of the Prince, he dances with her all night making everyone jealous. She flees at midnight, without even telling the prince her name. In her rush she leaves behind one of her glass slippers. The Prince is saddened that he never got to spend more time with the beautiful maiden. He goes around to every house in his kingdom and makes them try on the slipper. When they arrive at Cinderella's house her stepmother and stepsister are greatly surprised when Cinderella tries on the slipper, and it fits. She lives happily ever after with her prince.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found this film by casually browsing the kids section on Kanopy.

*Did the plot (for a fictional movie) keep you interested?*

Yes, the plot of this movie was interesting. This is a classic fairytale, I have seen many movies that were like this but I thought that the animations were really good.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace of this film was perfect, it wasn't too slow or too fast. They paced it perfectly.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

I think this movie is perfect for any kids that are older than 5 because it is a classic fairy tale and most of them have probably already heard of Cinderella.

*Rating:*

*5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*

I gave this movie 5 stars because the storyline is incredibly nostalgic, it reminds of your childhood. This film also has powerful messages, demonstrating that those who show courage and kindness to all are rewarded. Cinderella reminds you to always follow your dreams and never give up. This classic movie is one that I would recommend to everyone.