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The Three Levels of Questions

(AKA The Cinderella Exercise)

Level One: Recall

The answer is in the text, an explicit fact (fully and clearly expressed – leaving nothing implied). You can literally put your finger on the answer.

Examples:

- What were Cinderella’s slippers made out of?
- How did Cinderella get to the ball?

Now you try. Write one Level One question for the assigned text:



Write your question on an index card. Label it Level One.


Level Two: Analysis/Inference

An answer is derived through making inferences – drawing logical conclusions based on textual evidence. This is like reading between the lines and searching for deeper or sometimes hidden meaning (understood but not directly expressed.)

Examples:

- Why does Cinderella’s stepmother care whether or not she goes to the ball?
- Why did everything except the glass slipper return to the way it was?
- Why don’t the stepsisters like Cinderella?

Now you try. Write one Level Two question for the assigned text:



Write your question on an index card. Label it Level Two.


Level Three: Synthesis

The answer requires going beyond the text in the value, importance and real world application of the information presented, often dealing in Universal Themes.

Examples:

- Is a woman’s salvation always found in a man?
- What does it mean to live happily ever after?
- Does good always overcome evil?

Now you try. Write one Level Three question for the assigned text:



Write your question on an index card. Label it Level Three.