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{Homework: Main Idea & Theme}

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1. IXL section Z.Z.2 (main idea)

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1. Answer the questions about theme listed below.

Question #1:

**Cinderella Around the World**

**The story of Cinderella is told in many different ways in many different places all over the world. The following paragraphs were taken from the beginnings of different Cinderella stories from around the world.**

**Egypt:**

There once was a young maiden, Rhodopis, who was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery. Rhodopis lived with many other servant girls who teased her. They would shout things like, "Go to the river and wash the clothes," "Mend my robe," "Chase the geese from the garden," and, "Bake the bread."

**America:**

There once was a young girl named Cinderella who was treated badly by her wicked stepmother and stepsisters. They made her wear rags and do all the chores. Cinderella was more like a servant than a family member.

**Scotland:**

There once was a beautiful princess whose mother died. Her father, the king, married again. The queen was jealous of her stepdaughter's beauty. The queen was very mean to her stepdaughter and gave her very little to eat. The queen even sent her stepdaughter into the field far away to herd the sheep.

**England:**

There once was a nobleman with a daughter. The nobleman thought his daughter needed someone to look after her, so he married a lady with two daughters. His new wife and stepdaughters were very selfish and made the nobleman's daughter do all the work in the house. She had to tend to the kitchen fire and sleep in a heap of ashes or cinder. That is why they called her Cinder Maid.

At the end of the American version of Cinderella, the young girl is rescued from her cruel family by a prince. She marries him and lives happily ever after. What is the moral of the story?

1. All bad stories become good stories in the end.
2. Only a prince can make everything turn out all right in the end.
3. Treat your children badly, and they will live happily ever after.
4. It is possible to overcome hardship and be happy in the end.

Question #2:

**The Ant and the Dove**

An ant went to the bank of a river to satisfy its thirst, and being carried away by the rush of the stream, she almost drowned. A dove sitting on a tree that was hanging over the water plucked a leaf and let it fall into the stream close to her. The ant climbed onto it and floated in safety to the bank. Shortly afterwards a bird catcher came and stood under the tree and laid his twigs for the dove, which sat in the branches. The ant, knowing that the bird catcher was trying to trap the bird, stung him in the foot. The bird catcher, in pain, threw down the twigs, and the noise made the dove fly away.

What is the theme or moral of this fable?

1. Be aware of things that look good but are not.
2. If someone is kind to you, you should treat him/her with the same kindness in return.
3. You might not get caught if you do something you should not do.
4. The dove is a symbol of peace & innocence.