



Discussion

(Scene 1) Ella's mother gives her advice to get her through life and that is: "have courage and be kind." How would following that advice be helpful when you are in a relationship with someone?

(Scene 3) Lady Tremaine sees that Ella is a very kind person and takes advantage of that by moving her to live in the attic. Why is it wrong to take advantage of others?

(Scene 5) The stepsisters come up with the nickname of Cinderella for Ella. How can nicknames hurt? Do you think this bothered Ella?

(Scene 6) What does Ella do that leaves such a good impression with the Prince? Are first impressions really important when meeting people?

(Scene 7) The prince inquires why he can't marry a "good, honest country girl." The grand duke responds by asking, "How many divisions will this good, honest country girl provide us? How will she make the kingdom stronger?" Is it wrong to have a relationship when you have ulterior motives, like marrying to make your kingdom bigger or stronger? Why do you think it is important to be in a relationship for the right reasons?

(Scene 8) Ella was enormously excited to see Kit, the apprentice, again. Why do you think she was so excited? How did the prince make a good first impression on Ella?

(Scene 9) Ella asks her stepsisters what they think the prince is like. Anastasia responds with, "What does it matter what he's like?" Drisella adds that, "He's rich beyond reason." Ella responds, "Wouldn't you like to know a bit about him before you marry him?" Why is it important to get to know someone when we are in a relationship, or thinking of being in a relationship, with that person?

(Scene 9) Lady Tremaine tells Ella that she can't attend the ball because it would be an insult to the king to be dressed in old rags. Does it matter what we wear? Does what we wear affect who we are on the inside?

(Scene 10) Ella is crying and having a hard time when she isn't allowed to go to the ball. Even though she is having a hard time, she is still kind to the old beggar woman. How can being selfless and thinking of others when we are in a relationship be a good skill to have?

(Scene 11) The prince chooses Ella as his first dance partner. How do you think that made Ella feel?

(Scene 12) The prince takes Ella to a secret garden. Clearly, they have lots of chemistry. Why is it important to have chemistry in a relationship?

(Scene 14) The king's last wish is for his son not to marry for advantage, but to marry for love. How do you think having the king's approval of Ella helped the prince? Do you think it made the prince's decision to want to commit to Ella easier?

(Scene 15) Lady Tremaine finds the glass slipper in Ella's room. She wants Ella to make her the head of the royal house hold so everyone can get what they want. However, Ella is willing to not come forward in order to protect the prince from her stepmother. Why is it important to be willing to do whatever it takes to protect the ones we love?

(Scene 16) The grand duke lies to the prince about where he found part of Ella's shoe to try and convince him to marry for advantage. Why is it important for us to be honest while we are in a relationship? How important is it to be able to trust someone completely when you are in a relationship with them?

(Scene 17) Lady Tremaine told Ella to remember who she was, a servant girl with no family. Why should we always be true to who we really are while we are in a relationship? Ella asked the prince if he will, "take me as I am?" He responded with, "Of course, I will". Why is it just as important to accept the other person as they are and not expect them to change for you?

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