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Lesson: Cinderella View Point  
1st Grade Writing Lesson

**Objective:** After hearing a story, the students will create a story from a different character’s point of view.

**Introduction:** Ask the students if they know what point of view means. Talk about it and get their perspective on point of view. Explain what it means. Tell the students there is a story you are going to read to them that is from Cinderella’s point of view and then from her step-mother’s point of view.

**Step by Step:** Read Cinderella’s point of view first. Then read the step-mother’s point of view. Ask the students what they thought of the story and whose point of view they believe. Tell them we are going to be writing a story as a class based on the one we just read, but from a different character’s point of view. Start off by asking whose point of view they want to write from. Allow children to raise their hand to add to the story. Write the story on the overhead while the students are telling you what to write. Be sure to ask what needs capitalization and how they want to punctuate it.

**Closure:** Have a student read the story you have created as a class to the entire class.

**Reflection:** The students had a lot of fun with this lesson. I had a lot of fun with it too. The students did a great job of creating a story from the mouse, Gus’, point of view. They included all the capitalization needed. We had been working on exclamatory sentences the day before so it was nice to see the students include some exclamation marks in their story. I would love to use this lesson again. The next time I use it I believe I will have the students copy down the story as I am writing it on the overhead. Most of the students remained engaged in the lesson, but I had a few who were becoming distracted. I think if they copy it down while I am writing it they will stay more on task.
Gus

Remember the story of Cinderella? Well I'm going to tell you my side of the story. My name is Gus. I'm a mouse. Cinderella's fairy godmother turned me into a horse. I liked being a horse because it was fun! I also liked being a horse because I could finally chase Lucifer.
When I was a horse I finally was able to do something big for Cinderelly. On the stroke of midnight I was turned back into a mouse! I am not happy about being a mouse again. Now Lucifer can chase me again!

P.S. I wish I were still a horse... THE END