

Directions: Read the following narrative. Then answer questions 1-7, below.

The young prince wanted a wife. He organized a fancy dress ball, where he danced with a mysterious and beautiful young woman. She dashed away at the stroke of midnight. Finding her delicate glass slipper on the palace steps, the prince searched the kingdom for the foot that had worn it. Finally, he arrived at a fine home. He tried the glass slipper on two dull young women, without any luck. Learning that one other young woman, a servant, also lived in the house, he tried the slipper on her foot. It fit perfectly. Then he recognized her from the party and asked her to marry him. She said, "I appreciate the honor, I really do. But, actually, I left the ball early because I was bored to tears. I would not make you happy, and you would make me miserable. But thank you *so* much for returning my glass slipper!" She dashed out wearing her glass slippers, moved to the city, and became a famous dancer. The prince realized that he had had a narrow escape. He proposed to one of the other young women, who was just as dull as he. They lived contentedly ever after.

1. What is the exposition in this story?

2. What is the basic conflict?

3. What is the rising action?

4. What is the climax of the story?

5. What is the falling action? Identify the resolution of the story.

6. How does the plot convey the story's meaning?

