Discussion Questions

1. Which characters would you classify as “good” and which would you classify as “evil”? What standards or definitions do you use to decide? Does the story make a clear distinction between the two?

2. Describe the relationship between the Baker and his wife.

3. What does Little Red Ridinghood mean by “nice is different than good”?

4. How do the characters feel after they’ve had their wishes fulfilled? How have their lives changed?

5. Why does the Witch keep Rapunzel locked away in a tower?

6. Who is to blame for the events that happen when the characters enter the woods for the second time? Does it matter whose fault it is?

7. How do the parents in the story try to protect their children?

8. What does the woods represent to the characters, and how does it change over time?

9. What is the role of the narrator?

10. Are the princes truly in love with Cinderella and Rapunzel?

11. Several characters believe that the royal family will help solve their problems. What is the role of leaders today in fixing a community’s problems?

12. In what ways do the characters put their individual needs above the needs of others?

13. Why do you think Cinderella’s Prince and the Baker’s Wife have a secret romance? What does their song tell us about how they feel?

14. Several characters retaliate against others for previous actions. Is their revenge justifiable or not?

15. What do you think happens to the remaining characters after the story ends?

16. Why is Cinderella unsure about marrying her prince?

17. Is it heroic of Jack to kill the giant? Why or why not?

18. How does wishing for something contribute to getting or achieving it?

19. What three words would you use to describe Little Red Ridinghood?

20. What is the main theme of this play?