going to see

Cinderella

A MUSICAL PANTO

RELAXED PERFORMANCE PRE-VISIT STORIES
The Cinderella play is different than the original story. This Cinderella play takes place in the 1920s, also known as the “Roaring Twenties.”
This play is called a Panto.

A Panto is play that changes a story I may know, like Cinderella, and makes the story funny.
The play takes place in the 1920’s during the Prohibition Era.

The Prohibition Era was a time when alcohol was not allowed in the United States.

People had to drink in secret or they would get in trouble.
A flapper is a young girl from the 1920s. Flappers love to dance and wear fun dresses with fringes that move when they dance.
During the play, the actors might walk off the stage and into the audience to ask questions. I can answer the questions if I want to.
During the play, there may be fog on the stage.
The fog will not come off of the stage and it will not hurt me.
Actors pretend to be animals in the play. The animals are Ella’s friends.
Poison is something that you eat or drink that makes you sick and can kill you.

Lucretia gives Hazel’s mom a tea with poison in it, and Hazel dies.

The poison is not real and the actors are pretending.
A funeral is an event you go to after someone you know dies.

A funeral honors the person who died and gives people an opportunity to say goodbye.
Ella has a stepmother and stepsisters. They are part of her family because Ella’s dad married the step mother. The stepmother and stepsisters are mean to Ella.
The stepsisters yell and fight during the play. The fights are not real. The actors are pretending to be angry. I can cover my ears if the yelling is too loud.
The stepmother poisons Ella’s mom and tries to make Ella sad.

A person is mean when they try to hurt someone or make them feel bad.

The audience is asked to boo at the stepmother because she is mean.
The prince and the butler play a trick on everyone.
Prince Aiden pretends to be Barnaby. Barnaby pretends to be Prince Aiden.
The actors wear each other’s clothing in the play.
A speakeasy is a place where people could drink alcohol in secret.

The characters go to a speakeasy in the play.
The characters go to a masquerade ball.
A masquerade ball is party where people wear a mask.
Ella wears a mask so her family will not know who she is.
Baroness Lucretia Loosestrife tries to cut down the Hazel Tree with a chainsaw during the play. The chainsaw may be loud.

The chainsaw is not real. The actor is pretending to cut down the tree.
Reincarnation is an idea that people are come back as someone or something else after they die. Hazel Opfinder comes back to life as the Hazel Tree and a Bluebird.
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