Figure 3. Social Studies compare and contrast poem

Two European Cinderellas

When I was a young girl,
My mother died and
My father remarried.

My stepmother and two
Stepsisters were mean and
Forced me to do all the
Chores.

I slept by the fire and
They nicknamed me
Cendrillon

One day an invitation
Came to the king’s ball.
Oh, how I wanted to
Go.

I was given an impossible
Task.

To separate lentils from ashes.

My fairy godmother
appeared

A little white bird appeared
Helped me and

Gave me
A dress
A coach
Footmen
And glass slippers.

And golden shoes.

Then off
To the ball I went.
I met a Prince who fell
In love with me.

But at midnight I ran
Away
(Before they could break).
I lost my
Glass slipper

Golden shoe

Which
Turned out to be the
Key
To the story.

Figure 4. Social Studies compare and contrast poem

The German & Japanese Cinderellas, a Poem in Two Voices

KEY: —say one, then other  —say together

When I was a young girl, My mother died and
My father remarried.

My stepmother and two
Stepsisters

Yamato’s wife

Were - Was cruel and Forced me
to do all the Chores.

I slept by the fire and
Became disguised by
cinders and rags.

They called me
Aschenputtell.

Matsu hated me.
Because my beauty was
Disguised.
She refused to call me by
My name, Lily.

One day

An invitation came
to the king’s ball.

The son completed his
studies and came home.

Oh, how I wanted to

Meet the Prince.

Marry the Scholar.

I was given an impossible
Task.

To separate lentils
from ashes.

To make 100 bowls of rice
From one tiny grain.

A white bird representing
my Mother’s/grandmother’s spirit
Gave me

Help with the lentils,
A beautiful dress
And golden shoes
To go to the ball.

A wooden bowl
To disguise my beautiful face.
A wooden paddle
To pass a test.

Then off
To the ball/test I went

To meet a Prince
To marry the Scholar

Who fell in Love with me.

Aschenputtell.

Lily.