



Read the following children's stories: *Cinderella*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, and *Rumplestiltskin*.

Consider the following scenarios.

1. Cinderella has accused her stepmother of child abuse. Her stepmother feels that all her children have an equal share of chores to do in order to maintain the household. Since she is a single parent, she has to earn a living and needs the help of her daughters and stepdaughter.
2. Jack has been accused by the giant of breaking and entering and stealing his prized possession, the goose that lays golden eggs. Jack claims that he did not know the castle was inhabited, or that anyone would mind his borrowing the goose for just a short time so his mother could have a few of the eggs to help pay for food and rent. Jack intended to return the goose.
3. Goldilocks has been accused by the three bears of breaking and entering and destroying property. Goldilocks claims she meant only to eat and rest a little while, as she was starving and tired after losing her way in the forest.
4. Rumplestiltskin has accused the princess of breach of contract. The princess claims there was not a formal contract signed, it was merely a verbal agreement. Rumplestiltskin insists that a verbal agreement is legally binding.

Debate the above issues with the class. Which characters are in the right?