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Cinderella is one of the famous stories that was inspired by the surrounding social impression. It is undeniable that the existing clichés focus on women characters who end happily with the help of men. It assists Dowling consideration in naming the phenomenon she found which is in harmony, namely the Cinderella Complex. This Final Report is intended to gain an understanding of why Cinderella Complex Syndrome becomes a phenomenon about women, generally from society's perspective then describing how this syndrome affects the motivation of female students, particularly in studying. The discussion will be divided into five parts. It starts with defining syndromes and naming unique syndromes like using Disney characters. Next, it is about the Cinderella story becoming a phenomenon with gender issues. Then it discusses specifically the Cinderella Complex theory by Dowling. It continues with an explanation about how the theory describes the motivation of female students. After that, it is a description of those that impact the studying. It seems that women of all ages, including female students, always strive to achieve social views on the labels of 'good girl', 'good student', and 'good wife' even though this sacrifices motivation to be independent. This way of thinking surely impacts their motivation in studying.

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