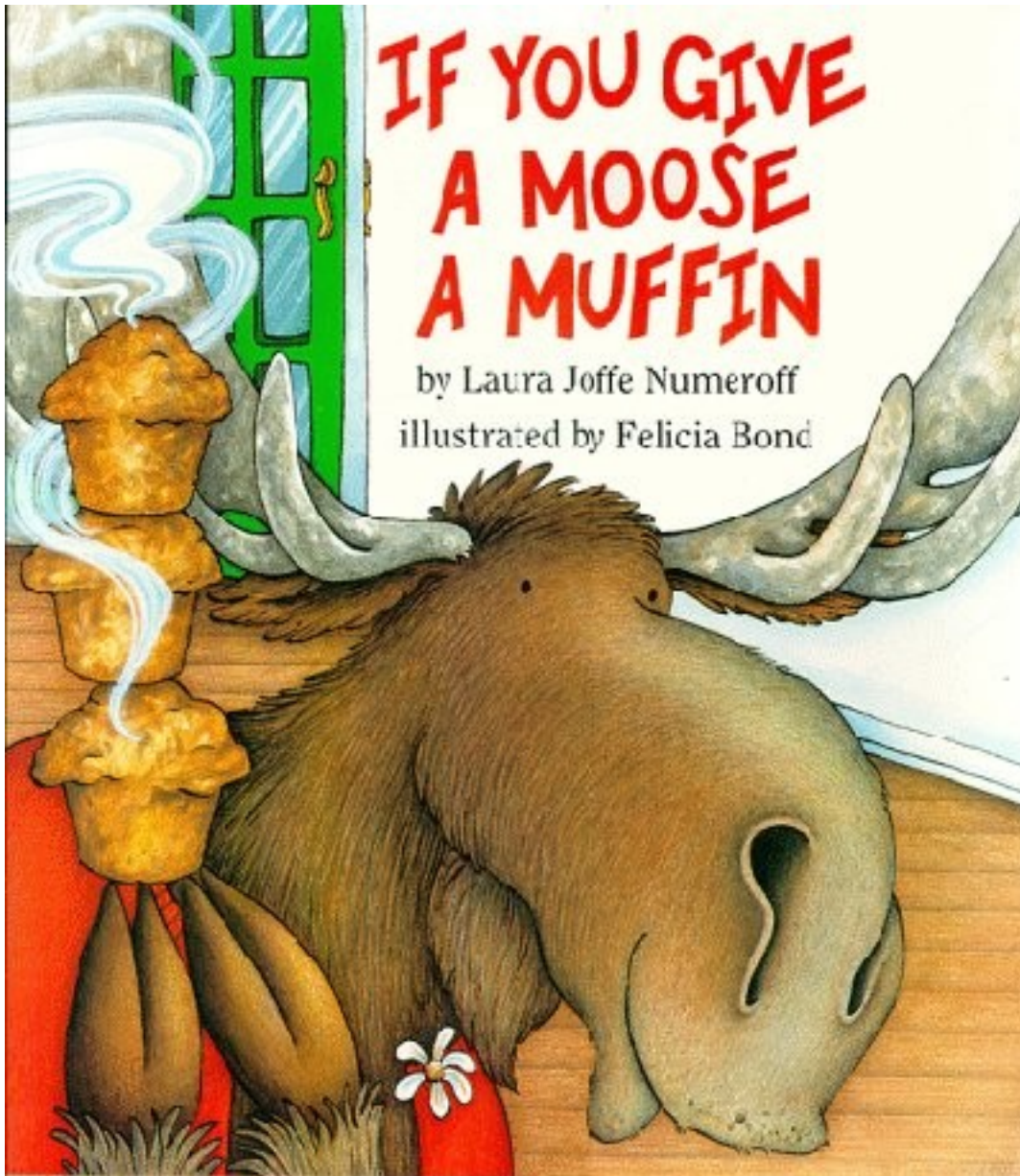


If You Give a Moose a Muffin

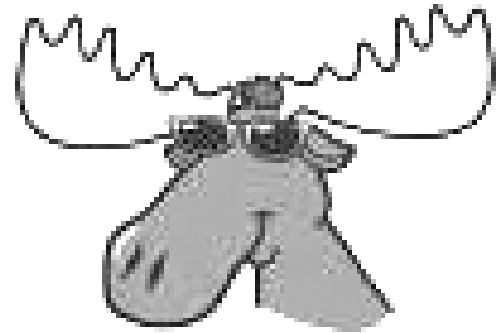


**Based on a book by Laura Numeroff
The Magik Theatre
Study Guide 2009-10**

Summary

If a big, hungry moose comes to visit, you might give him a muffin to make him feel at home. If you give him a muffin, he'll want some jam to go with it. When he's eaten all your muffins, he'll want to go to the store to get some more muffin mix. In this hilarious sequel to The Magik Theatre's 2009 runaway hit *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, the young host is again run ragged by a surprise guest. Last year, the boy was visited by a tiny, fast-moving mouse. This year, his guest is bigger and his head is adorned by a gigantic set of antlers. Join us as we see what kind of havoc a moose can make when you invite him into your home and offer him something just as sweet as - but perhaps just a little larger than - a cookie.

Discussion Questions



- 1) Who are the main characters in the story?
- 2) What is the big event in the story?
- 3) What would you have done with a Moose in your house?
- 4) Where did the story take place? How do you know?
- 5) Why did the Moose want to make puppets?
- 6) How would the boy's mother feel if she came in when the Moose was working on his puppet show?
- 7) Do you think this is a real story (non-fiction) or a pretend story (fiction)?
- 8) What made the Moose want to put on a sweater? Do you think this story took place in the fall or the summer?
- 9) If you could be any character in the story which character would you choose? Give me 2 supported reasons.
- 10) What kind of muffins do you like? Why?



Math

Educator— some students may need manipulatives to complete these problems.

1) If the clock read 12:00 p.m. when Moose first came to the door and he leaves the house at 3:00 p.m., how many hours was the Moose in the house?

2) The muffin tray holds 8 muffins. The boy bakes 3 trays of muffins. How many muffins does he make?

3) The boy's mom made 10 jars of blackberry jam. The Moose eats 3 whole jars of jam. How many jars are left?

4) Each moose has 2 antlers on his head. If we had 10 moose, how many antlers would we have?

5) If each child in your classroom ate 2 muffins how many muffins would you need to have?

[MA 1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 1.15, 1.16, 1.17]

Moose Facts

Moose like to live in colder climates. They prefer to live in states such as Montana or Colorado. Hot weather does not make them happy!

One moose is a moose. Two moose is still a moose.

Moose are very tall. They are bigger than horses but not bigger than elk.

They are very good swimmers and can run pretty fast too!

For more animal facts check out animals.nationalgeographic.com

Other Books by Laura Numeroff

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

If You Give a Pig a Pancake

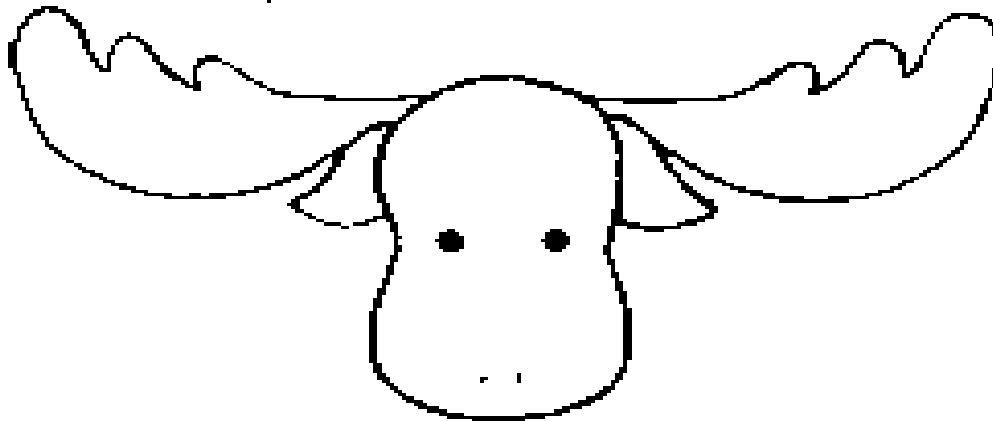
If You Take a Mouse to School

If You Take a Mouse to the Movies

If You Give a Cat a Cupcake

Write a few words and tell me what kind of muffin you like the best.

My favorite muffin is...



ACTIVITIES— A few ideas for Educators for use with the story.

Graphing

Have each child draw a picture of their favorite muffin. Then make a graph so that the class can see how many people like each kind of muffin.

Have a muffin election. Choose a two muffins and have each student vote on what muffin they think should win.

Theatre

As a class have the kids write out the script they think the Moose was going to use for his puppet show.

Or create your own sock puppets and have groups of children perform *If You Give A Moose A Muffin* their own way. If there is time they can even make their own backdrops.

Several TEKS (117.4, 117.7, 117.10, 117.13, 117.16, 117.19) are covered just by attending a production at The Magik Theatre, including:

The learner will

- identify appropriate audience behavior;
- respond to and evaluate dramatic activities;
- identify the use of music, creative movement and visual components in play; and
- observe the performance of artists and identify theatrical vocations.