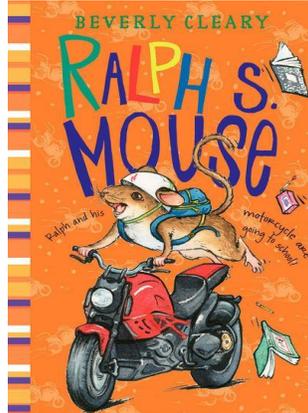


Rising Third Graders Required Summer Reading:

Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary



### Comprehension Questions

Define setting. Where does the setting take place at the beginning of the book?

Who is Ralph? Name three adjectives to describe him.

Who is Ryan? Name three adjectives to describe him.

Describe Ralph and Ryan's relationship. Where did they meet?

What is Ralph's favorite hobby? Why does he like this hobby so much?

Who wants to ride Ralph's motorcycle? What did he tell them? What type of emotion did Ralph display in his response to them?

Why does Ralph feel like he needs to live at Ryan's school? Do you think his feelings are justified? Why or why not?

Who is Miss K? How does she react when she saw Ralph? What does she initially want to do with him? Do you think it's a good idea? Why or why not?

Do you think Ralph would do well in the classroom? Explain.

In Chapter 3, Ryan tells Ralph he can't have something. What is it? Do you think he was being mean?

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How in the world did Ralph end up in a fish bowl? How does he feel about it?

What happened to Ralph's motorcycle?

How did Miss K's classroom benefit from interacting with Ralph?

Ralph and Ryan started to have problems in their friendship. Explain.

Should Ralph go back to his family? Why or why not?

Ralph and Ryan patch up their relationship. How?

What bright, shiny new thing did Ralph receive toward the end of the book? Who gave it to him? How did it make him feel?

Did the book end happily?

**Suggested additional books to enjoy the summer with:**

1. Junie B. Jones –any from the series  
By Barbara Park
2. Ramona – any from the series  
By Beverly Cleary
3. The Babysitter's Club – any from the series  
By Ann M. Martin
4. Judy Moody –any from the series
5. Humphrey – any from the series
6. Magic Tree House – any from the series  
By Mary Pope-Osborne
7. James and the Giant Peach  
By Roald Dahl
8. Because of Winn Dixie  
By Kate Dicamillo