



# WEEKLY READING WEEK SET #3

## THE TOWN MOUSE AND THE COUNTRY MOUSE –AESOP'S FABLES

**READ THE STORY 2 TIMES AND MARK ANY IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN YOUR READING.**

Town Mouse once visited a relative who lived in the country. For lunch, Country Mouse served wheat stalks, roots, and acorns, with a dash of cold water to drink. Town Mouse ate very sparingly, nibbling a little of this and a little of that, and by her manner, she ate the simple food out of politeness.

After the meal they had a long talk, or rather Town Mouse talked about her life in the city while Country Mouse listened. They then went to bed in a cozy nest in the hedgerow and slept in quietly and comfortably until morning. In her sleep Country Mouse dreamt she was a town mouse with all the luxuries and delights of city life that her cousin had described for her. So, the next day when Town Mouse asked Country Mouse to go home with her to the city, she gladly said yes.

When they reached the mansion in which Town Mouse lived, they found on the table in the dining room the leavings of a very fine banquet. There were sweetmeats and jellies, pastries, delicious cheeses, indeed, the most tempting foods that a mouse can imagine. But just as Country Mouse was about to nibble a dainty bit of pastry, she heard a cat mew loudly and scratch at the door. In great fear, the mice scurried to a hiding place, where they lay quite still for a long time, hardly daring to breathe. When at last they ventured back to the feast, the door opened suddenly and in came the servants to clear the table, followed by the house dog.

Country Mouse stopped in Town Mouse's den only long enough to pick up her carpet bag and umbrella.

"You may have luxuries and dainties that I have not," she said as she hurried away, "but I prefer my plain food and simple life in the country with the peace and security that go with it."

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. MAKE SURE TO USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER.**

1. What is the moral or lesson of this story?  
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2. What is the main idea of this story?  
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3. Why did the author write this story?  
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**PREDICTIONS: MAKE A PREDICTION OF WHAT YOU WILL BE READING ABOUT.**

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**WHAT IS THE GENRE OF THIS STORY?**

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Prove it: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHAT CONNECTION CAN YOU MAKE WITH THIS STORY? [TEXT, SELF, WORLD]**

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