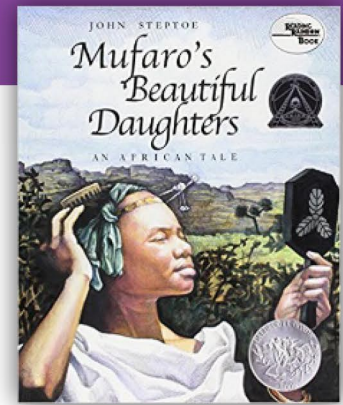


THIRD GRADE

UNIT 1

MUFARO'S BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTERS

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Characters:



Mufaro (MOO-FAR-oh) means “happy man” in the Shona language

Mufaro lives in a small African village with his two beautiful daughters (Manyara and Nyasha). He sends his daughters out to meet the Great King.



Manyara (mahn-YAR-ah) means “ashamed” in the Shona language

Manyara lives in a small African village with her father (Mufaro) and sister (Nyasha). She has a bad temper and treats others with disrespect.



Nyasha (nee-AH-sha) means “mercy” in the Shona language

Nyasha lives in a small African village with her Father (Mufaro) and sister (Manyara). She is always joyful and kind. She treats others with respect.

Nyoka (nee-YO-kah) means “snake” in the Shona language



Nyoka lives in Nyasha's garden. He keeps creatures away that might harm the vegetables. Nyoka is The Great King in disguise.

TEACHER'S NOTE: A simple way to distinguish between the two female characters is by looking at the first letter of their names. Nyasha is Nice (both begin with “N”). Manyara is Mean (both begin with “M”).