

STUDY GUIDE

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Language Arts

Play Synopsis

“Tortoise vs. Hare 2 – This Time It’s Personal!” is a sequel to the classic fable by Aesop, “The Tortoise and the Hare. Everyone knows the slow-and-steady Tortoise beat the bragging Hare in that famous race - but when their great-grandkids, Ro-Shell the tortoise and Jack Rabbit, are talked into a rematch, anything could happen. The race will be on live TV, and their friends have lots of ideas about how Ro-Shell and Jack can beat one another, but only good sportsmanship can win the day in this zany, lighthearted retelling of the classic fable.

Characters

Ro-Shell, great granddaughter of the original Tortoise – played by actress Bridget Drew

Jack Rabbit, great grandson of the original Hare – played by Patrick Boyer

Old Narrator – played by Patrick Boyer

Original Hare – played by Chris Stack

Original Tortoise – played by Emily Damschroder

Jack's Parent – played by Chris Stack

Chuck Badger – played by Chris Stack

Ro-Shell's Parent – played by Emily Damschroder

Wendy Woodchuck – played by Emily Damschroder

Race Official Today – played by Emily Damschroder

Race Official (Past) – played by Katie Giller

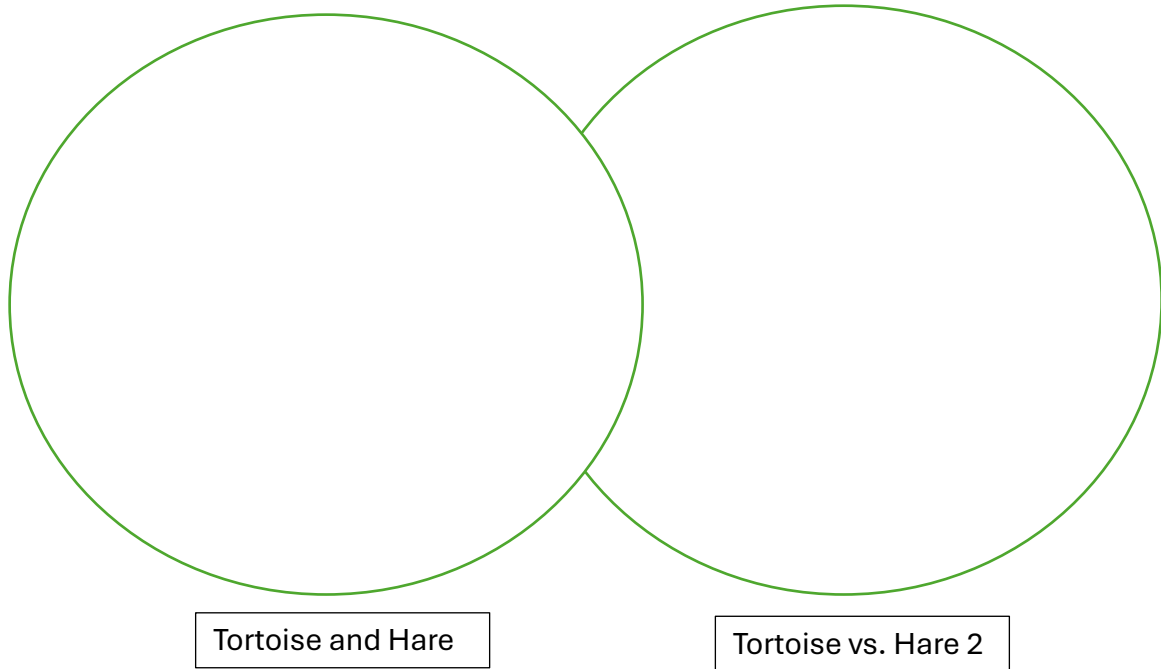
SSSSnake – played by Katie Giller

Meadow Adeer – played by Katie Giller



Venn Diagram

Create a Venn diagram with your students comparing the original Aesop fable with today's play. Which characters appear in each play, and who appears in both?



Vocabulary / Word Usage / Similies

- Create similes using animals as comparisons, such as “Quick like a bunny”
- The prefix “tri” means 3. Ro-Shell and Jack Rabbit are participating in a *triathlon* race which includes 3 events – swimming, biking and running. How many more words can you think of that start with the prefix tri?



Interview

Interview a family member, neighbor, or family friend who is older than you. In what ways was their childhood like yours, how were things different?

Favorite Book

- Draw a cover of your favorite book and write a brief summary of the story



Science



Veggie Trivia

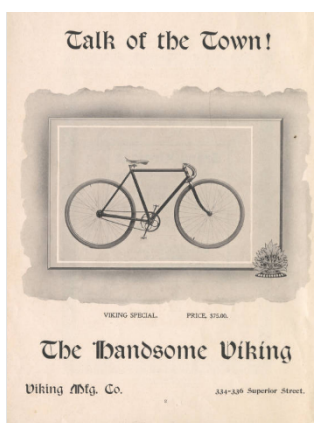
Discuss with your students the health benefits of eating vegetables as part of healthy daily diet.

- Carrots – did you know carrots were originally purple and yellow? Carrots are not just colorful, they're rich in beta-carotene, which your body converts into vitamin A, essential for good vision.
- Broccoli – did you know broccoli is rich in protein as well as vitamins K and C?
- Radishes – did you know radishes are one of the fastest growing vegetables, ready to harvest in just 3 weeks! They are high in vitamins C and B6, potassium, and magnesium.
- Sweetcorn – did you know sweetcorn was domesticated about 9,000 years ago in what is now Mexico? It was a staple crop for the Aztecs and Mayans and eventually spread throughout the world. Sweetcorn is a good source of fiber, vitamins, and minerals. Each ear of corn typically has an even number of rows, usually 16.

Sports

- Create your own sport with a friend.
- Keep an exercise journal for a week documenting your progress.
- Create your own class triathlon.

History



History of the Bicycle in Toledo, Ohio

At the turn of the 20th century, Toledo was a leading bicycle manufacturing site, home to several bicycle companies, including: Viking, Yost, Summit Cycle, and Snell Cycle Fittings. In 1897, Toledo was home to the 2nd largest bicycle works in the world and had the largest factory devoted to the manufacture of bicycle parts.



Post Show Discussions

Ethics / Good Sportsmanship

In the play, one of the characters says, “You should never make a bet unless you are prepared to lose.” What do you think this means? Do you agree?

Do you agree with the statement that when you’re in charge, you get to make the rules?

Who do you think is the better coach, SSSSnake or Wendy Woodchuck?