

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

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Synopsis: Based on the Norwegian fairy tale, Mac Barnett retells the story as a fractured fairy tale. The three billy goats want to graze on a grassy ridge, but first they must cross the troll's bridge!

Suggested Reading Date: Tell a Fairy Tale Day, February 26; Read Across America, March 2; (Outside the school year: National Troll Day, June 4; World Goat Day, August 21)

Activity Descriptions:

- While reading, discuss onomatopoeia, asking students to identify it in the story.
- Read other versions of the **traditional** fairy tale, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, and compare them, illustrators include Paul Galdone, Jerry Pinkney, and Stephen Carpenter.
- Read other versions as a **fractured** fairy tale, examples include:
The Three Billy Goats Fluff, by Rachael Mortimer
Listen, My Bridge is So Cool!, by Nancy Loewen

Related Websites:

- Author's Website: <https://www.macbarnett.com/>
- Illustrator's Website: <https://www.imjonklassen.com/>
- Author and Illustrator book trailer: <https://youtu.be/pjT5oBdeFww>
- Author and Illustrator read the book: https://youtu.be/w9Pf1wYzh_Q
- PBS's Super Why, The Three Billy Goats Gruff (starts at 3:35):
<https://kcts9.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/c13341b2-5a09-4dcb-aecf-9cdbe10c4c44/c13341b2-5a09-4dcb-aecf-9cdbe10c4c44/>

Text to Text Connections:

- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Paul Carpenter
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Jerry Pinkney
- *The Three Billy Goats Fluff* by Rachael Mortimer
- *Listen, My Bridge is So Cool!* by Nancy Loewen
- *Frederico and the Wolf* by Rebecca Gomez
- *The Three Little Pigs and the Somewhat Bad Wolf* by Mark Teague

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