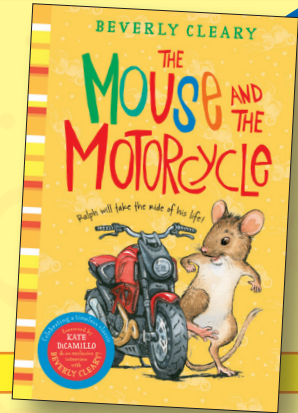




D.E.A.R. TO HAVE A GOOD FRIEND, YOU MUST BE A GOOD FRIEND

In *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary, we see the main characters—a young boy named Keith, the owner of a toy motorcycle, and Ralph, a tiny mouse longing for adventure—develop an unlikely friendship. Complete the activity below to discover the important traits of a good friend by giving specific examples from the novel. Discuss your findings with your classmates and then write about what makes a good friendship. Give examples to support your opinions from your own experiences or from your reading.



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A GOOD FRIENDSHIP IS: _____

CCSS – RL. 4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).

W. 4.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.

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