



Prince Ribbit

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A clever frog hears princesses reading a fairy tale and decides this is his chance to live the good life! While two of the princesses treat the frog like a prince, Princess Martha uses her love of nonfiction books to show that not everything you read in books is true.

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Book Trailer/Author Interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtgBSM5lziA>

Other websites/links: <http://peachtree-online.com/portfolio-items/prince-ribbit/>

Food: See Pinterest board for food ideas like apple & grape frogs or frog oreos.

<https://pin.it/2zfgcupwduwXln>

Nonfiction Companion Titles:

Carr, Aaron. *Frogs* (AV2 Let's Read! Science Kids: Life Cycles)

Murray, Julie. *Frogs* (ABDO Kids Junior: I Like Animals! Set 1)

Dunn, Mary R. *A Frog's Life Cycle* (Pebble Plus: Explore Life Cycles)

Introduction: Ask if students have heard the fairytale the Frog Prince. If not summarize that a proud prince is turned into a frog by a witch to teach him a lesson. The only way this curse could be broken is if a princess loved him and gave him a kiss. Then show the Prince Ribbit and explain that this story is a fractured fairytale; a story that has similarities and differences.

For another introduction, create an I-chart with the question, "Would you kiss a frog?" Student make yes or no tallies, or go all out by using red or pink round stickers and draw lips on them.

Story Time Activities:

Paper Bag Frog Puppet http://woodtools.nov.ru/projects2/WoodPlan/paper_bag_frog_puppet.htm

MATERIALS NEEDED For each child:

- a paper lunch bag
- a printer and paper
- green paint (or construction paper)
- scissors
- glue and/or tape
- something to color with

Frog Origami <https://www.sidetrackedsarah.com/how-to-make-paper-puppets-for-kids/>

MATERIALS NEEDED For each child:

- 1 sheet green construction paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Small white circles for eyes (either construction paper or small white labels)
- Black marker or crayon
- Short strip of red construction paper

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Discussion Questions

1. In Prince Ribbit it says “Just because it’s in a book doesn’t mean it’s true!” What kind of books are true and what kinds are not true? How can you tell the difference?

Answer: Fiction (not true), Nonfiction (true). Answers may include that fiction is a made-up story with characters who may or may not be real, where what the characters say to each other is invented by an author’s imagination. Fiction

stories have a clear beginning, middle and end and a specific setting and theme. Authors write fiction books mainly to entertain an audience.

Nonfiction are written by authors to share true information on a subject. Nonfiction books have text features to help you find things out quickly. Nonfiction books may written like a story (narrative nonfiction) but do not contain anything that could not happen in real life.

2. Is Prince Ribbit a fiction or nonfiction book? How do you know?

Answer: Prince Ribbit is fiction, reasons why might include a talking frog, frog who turns into a prince or the frog acts like a person (personification).

3. How are the three princesses different from each other?

Answer: Arabella and Lucinda like fairy tales, believe the frog is a prince, treat the frog specially. Martha likes nonfiction, believes the frog is clever but not a prince, and wants to prove the frog is just a frog.

4. Do you think the setting of this book is in the past, present or future? How can you tell?

Answer: The setting is in the past. Evidence might include their clothes, the car, what the castle looks like.

5. How is this story different from the original Frog Prince story?

Answers might include that the frog really is a bewitched prince, there is only one princess, the frog is not treated with such kindness at first.