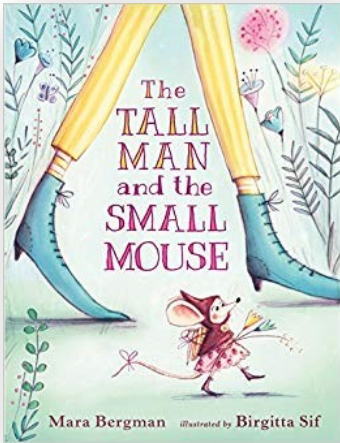


# Writing Trait: Ideas

Learning Intention: generating ideas about the importance of school

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## Before Reading

Invite students to carefully examine the front and back cover images. Share the title of this book and ask for predictions.

Who might the characters be?

Why do you think this author chose these characters?

Do picture books often have a problem?

What might the problem be within this book?

Based on your suggestions, offer some solutions.

## During Reading

While reading this book to children, pause to offer time to carefully examine the details within the illustrations. There are clues within the images along the way that help carry this story. But which ones might be really important details, and which ones might not prove as helpful?

## After Reading

Books like *The Tall Man and the Small Mouse* contain rich themes from which young students can mine.

... an unlikely friendship ... the benefits of working together ... everyone has their own talent

Invite learners to contribute their ideas to the following two column charts:

What were the most important things to do?	
Tall Man	Small Mouse

What are the most important things to do at school?	
Students	Teachers

What are the most important things  
to do ?

for the tall man

for the small  
mouse

What are the most important things  
to do ?

for teachers

for students



