**Marvelous Mrs. Sims Mouse Research**

**Nifty New Arrivals Class** ☺

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**Assignment**: Students will use the **Split Screen Note Taking** research method and the **Cornell Notes Venn Diagram** below to locate, read, organize, cite, summarize **Newsbank** text, and compare facts about real mice to a fictional one in *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Clearly. Afterwards, students will use their graphic organizer to write a summary about their comparison.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.9:** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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| **Venn Diagram Comparison of a Fictional Mouse to a Real One** ☺ | | | | | |
| **Fictional Book About a Mouse**  *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Clearly | |  | **Nonfiction Newsbank Articles About Mice**  Newsbank: toronline.org>Media Policies>Destiny>Newsbank>KidsPage | | |
| **Cleary, Beverly. Mouse and the Motorcycle. Harper Collins, 2017.** | |  | **Title:** [**Nocturnal Animal Showdown**](http://infoweb.newsbank.com/iw-search/we/InfoWeb?p_product=JRKP&p_theme=kids&p_action=doc&p_docid=150B383E1AD86FC0&p_docnum=1&p_nbid=B64S58SVMTUxODYxMDY0MC44NTE0ODk6MToxMzo2NC4yNTEuNTMuMjAz)  **Source: Scholastic News - grade 2**  **Date: October 1, 2014**  **Easier reading level Reading Level (Lexile):480L**  **Copyright (c) 2014 Scholastic, Inc.**  **Record Number: 150ABDD8A52E8248** | | **Title: THE NATURE FILE / WHITE-FOOTED MOUSE SPREADS LYME DISEASE**  **Source: Press of Atlantic City, The (NJ)**  **Date: February 19, 2002**  **Medium reading level Reading Level (Lexile): 920L**  **Copyright, 2002, South Jersey Publishing Company t/a the Press of Atlantic City Record Number: 0F1D3E04C1129626** |
| **Describe Ralph or Smart Alec.** | |  | **Describe the characteristics of a mouse.** | | |
| **Subtopics** | **Details** | **SIMILARITIES** | **Subtopics** | **Details** | |
| * What does Ralph/Smart Alec look like? |  |  | * What does a mouse look like? |  | |
| * Where does Ralph/Smart Alec live? |  | * Describe baby mice. |  | |
| * What does Ralph/Smart Alec do? |  | * What do mice eat? |  | |
| * Additional facts about Ralph/smart Alec. |  | * Where do mice live? |  | |
|  |  | * How long does a mouse live? |  | |
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|  |  | * Describe the parts of a mouse. |  | |