

Grades 2-3

A Pig Is Moving In!

When Henrietta Hen, Nick Hare, and Doctor Fox learn that a pig is moving into their building, they are appalled. Everyone knows that pigs are dirty and messy, and this pig seems to be no exception. While neither Henrietta, neither Nick, nor, Dr. Fox has had a chance to meet the pig in person, careful observations have confirmed their worst fears. But have they really been watching carefully enough? This delightful portrait of a neighborhood warmly illustrates the dangers of judging or misjudging -- from a distance. The book raises awareness of fair housing rights and the importance of being a welcoming community. This book challenges its readers to have an open mind. *Approx. 25 minutes*

Discussion Questions

Staff will encourage students to share their thoughts about the book and will engage students with questions about the book's characters, their differences, and the dangers of judging others. *Approx. 15 minutes*

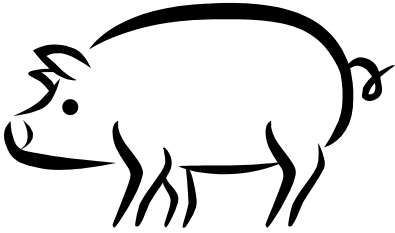
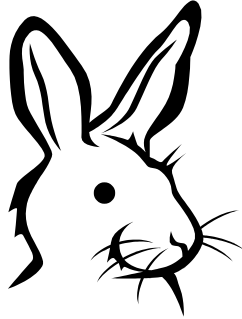
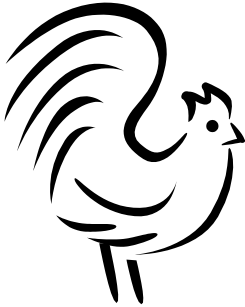

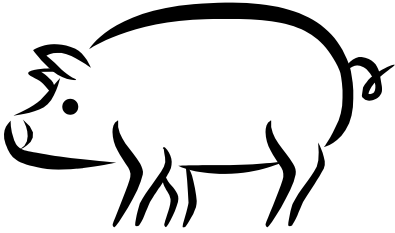
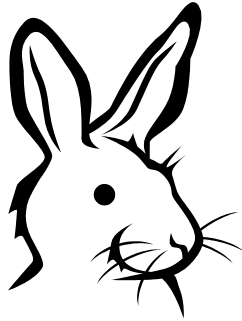
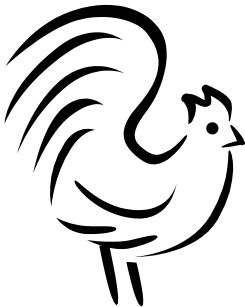

- **How do you think the pig was feeling being in a new place?**
- How did the pig's new neighbors treat him?
- **What kind of things did they assume about Theodore?**
- Did any of the neighbors offer to help Theodore when he made a mess?
- **What did Theodore end up doing for his neighbors?**
- How can we be welcoming to new people in our neighborhoods?
- **What would you have done to help Theodore?**

Four Characters

Students will receive an apartment building on a large piece of paper and a sheet with four animals representing the characters in the book. Each student has the opportunity to color, cut out, and "move" the characters into their new homes. The students are also able to move themselves in as a neighbor! Students then write answers to the prompt, "How can you be kind and welcoming to other people?" *Approx. 20 minutes*

*Apartment House activity sheet will need to be printed on 11 x 17 tabloid sized paper







How can you be kind and welcoming to other people?

