

# RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI: MOVIE VERSION

**Study Guide compares the story *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* from *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling to the animated movie version *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* (1975), animated Chuck Jones Edition narrated by Orson Welles.**



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**SAMPLE RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI: MOVIE VERSION**

**THE MOVIE VERSION OF *RIKKI-TIKKI-TAVI* IS NOT LIKE THE STORY IN THE BOOK BY RUDYARD KIPLING**

**RECOMMENDED MOVIE:** *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* (1975), animated Chuck Jones Edition narrated by Orson Welles. The animated movie *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* is an almost perfect version of the story *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* from *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling. The film includes authentic Indian music and images.

**HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?**

**Plot:** ★★★★★☆      **Characters:** ★★★★★☆      **Setting:** ★★★★★★

**Structure:** ★★★★★★      **Symbols:** ★★★★★★      **Theme:** ★★★★★☆

**THE MOVIE: SUMMARY**

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding story.

**Opening scene:** A flood in India washes a young mongoose out of his burrow. (**ACCURATE**) A narrator’s voice quotes the first sentence in the story. (**ACCURATE**) The mongoose tries to swim against the flood water. (**ERROR:** In the story, the mongoose grabs hold of a blade of grass floating in the water) The flood waters carry the mongoose far away. (**ACCURATE**) The mongoose passes out. (**ACCURATE**) He lies unconscious on the garden path of the estate of an English family. (**ACCURATE**)

A boy named Teddy finds the mongoose and thinks it is dead. (**ACCURATE**) Teddy wants to have a funeral for the mongoose. (**ACCURATE**) Teddy tells his father that the mongoose may not be dead. (**ERROR:** Not in the story) Teddy’s father suggests they dry off the mongoose and try to revive him. (**ERROR:** In the story Teddy’s mother suggests they dry off the mongoose and take him inside) They take the mongoose into their house. (**ACCURATE**) Teddy’s father, a big Englishman, says the mongoose is not dead, just half-choked. (**ACCURATE**) They wrap the mongoose in cotton-wool and warm him. (**ACCURATE**) The mongoose comes to and sneezes. (**ACCURATE**) The father tells Teddy not to scare the mongoose and they will see what the animal does. (**ACCURATE**) The mongoose family motto is “Run and find out.” (**ACCURATE**)

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**QUIZ**

**This quiz compares the movie *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* (1975), a Chuck Jones animated film narrated by Orson Welles with the story *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* from *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling.**

- \_\_\_ 1. The setting of the movie and the story is  
a. Africa      b. India      c. Indonesia      d. Malaysia
- \_\_\_ 2. In the opening scene of the movie a mongoose tries to swim against flood water. In the story the mongoose saves himself from the flood by grabbing hold of a  
a. tree limb      b. flower stalk      c. blade of grass      d. log
- \_\_\_ 3. In the movie and the story a boy named Teddy finds the mongoose and wants to  
a. throw him in a ditch      b. have a funeral for him      c. skin him      d. stuff him

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