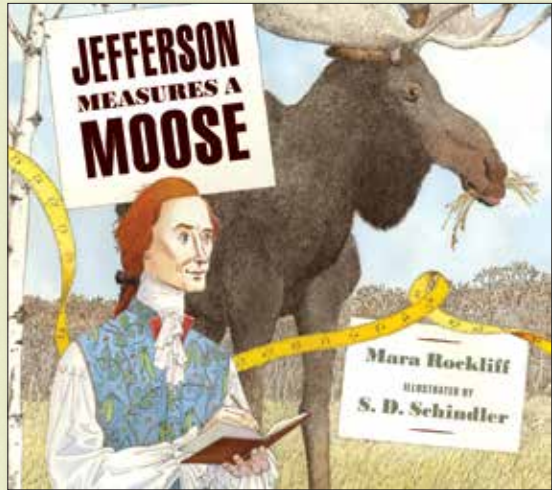


# JEFFERSON MEASURES A MOOSE

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Use *Jefferson Measures a Moose* in your classroom to inspire math projects and critical thinking.

This comical true tale of a Founding Father shows how science can be used to defeat ignorance and stop the spread of false information.



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- Grow peas in your classroom and have students chart the progress of the peas' growth, making sketches along the way. See if their growing pattern matches that in the book.



- The back matter reveals the answers to some of the questions posed in the book, such as “How many pennies *should* be in a dollar?” Using the current value of the British pound, have your students figure out how many shillings and pence would be in a dollar today. Then calculate the Expenses for Obtaining Moose Skeleton in today’s dollars.

- Buffon published a book claiming America was inferior, yet he had never visited it to confirm his theories. Jefferson’s book included some distorted facts as well, such as using an average weight for European animals but the highest weight for their American counterparts. Have a class discussion about facts and ways they can be manipulated. Ask students to consider why people do this. What do they think were the goals of Buffon and Jefferson? Are there similar situations in your students’ own lives when they present facts a certain way?



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