

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

by John Steptoe

John Steptoe was born in New York City in 1950. He wrote and illustrated eleven books and illustrated several others for other authors. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* was a Caldecott Honor Book in 1988 and Mr. Steptoe received several honors and awards for his work. Unfortunately, he died at the age of thirty-eight. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* has been made into a musical and performed on stage.

Introduce yourself and tell us where you are from, where you are now, and one thing that happened this past week.

Discussion questions:

Does this story remind you of another folk tale or fairy tale?

How would you describe the characters?

Mufaro

Nyasha

Manyara

the king

Have you heard the expression "two-faced"? What does it mean? Are any of the characters two-faced?

How would you describe the illustrations?

Do you have a favorite illustration?

Is there a moral to this story?