# THE EXPLOITS OF MOOMINPAPPA: ADVENTURES OF A YOUNG MOOMIN

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#### **KEYWORDS**

- Finland
- Adventure
- Freedom
- Friendship
- Community
- Stories
- Discovery
- Obstacles
- Stop-Motion Animation
- Film adaptation of a book
- Tove Jansson

Moominpappa recapitulates his boyhood in vivid stories as Moomintroll isn't well and needs amusement.

As Moomintroll gets wasp-stung and must lie in bed Moominpappa wants to cheer him up by telling about his own adventurous youth. Pappa tells about his misunderstood childhood, how he escapes from an orphanage and about his historic meeting with an inventor called Hodgkins. He reveals his struggles in hefty storms on the boat Oshun Oxtra, and all his adventures in the autocrat Daddy Jones's kingdom. Pappa establishes a colony, befriends with a ghost and - one stormy night - he rescues Moominmamma from the sea. And rest is history.

### SCHOOL SCREENING

**07/03** at 7 am – Ciné Utopia (*End* – 11:10 am)

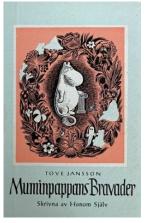
#### PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

- The telling of stories.
- Adventure stories and literature.
- THE EXPLOITS OF MOOMINPAPPA: ADVENTURES OF A YOUNG MOOMIN is the film adaptation of the children's book of the same title by Finnish author and illustrator Tove Jansson. It is the fourth book in the Moomins series.

The Moomin books are so popular in Finland that there is not a child in the country that doesn't have a Moomins book at home!

o Do you know where Finland is on the map?





MUMINPAPPANS BRAVADER, Tove Jansson, 1950



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## **ACTIVITIES**

- Although the Moomins look like *hippopotamus*es, they are actually Trolls! Did you already know the Moomins?
- Where did Moomin Pappa grow up? Why was he not happy there? What did he do?
- Moomin Pappa loves telling stories about his exciting, adventure-packed youth.

To help you better recall the films, look at the pictures from the film and answer the questions:

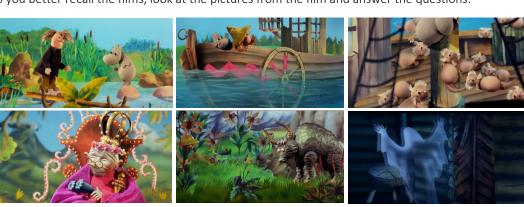




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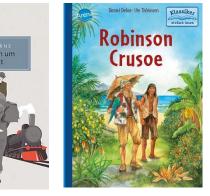
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- o Which stories do you remember? Which stories did you enjoy the most?
- o Who does Moomin Pappa meet? What are the names of the different characters? Who are they, and what do they do?
- How does Moomin Troll react to Moomin Pappa's stories? Does he enjoy the stories? Is he also adventurous, or would he rather stay at home?

What about you? Do you like adventures?

- o In all of Tove Jansson's Moomin stories, the Moomins experience crazy adventures on their journeys.

  Stories in which a brave main character travels to strange lands, encounters scary creatures or bizarre people and must overcome obstacles are called "adventure stories".
  - Today there are many films, series and video games that are based on such stories. But adventure stories really originate from literature. Do you know these two literary classic adventure stories? If so, what happens in these stories?



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- o Do you know any other adventure stories? If so, which ones?
- o Look at Tove Jansson's illustration from the book and at the picture from the film and describe the differences between the two images:
  - o What are the colours like in the two images?
  - o Which of the two pictures do you prefer, and why?
  - o How were the two pictures created? Were they both drawn or painted?
  - o Do you know what stop-motion animation is?





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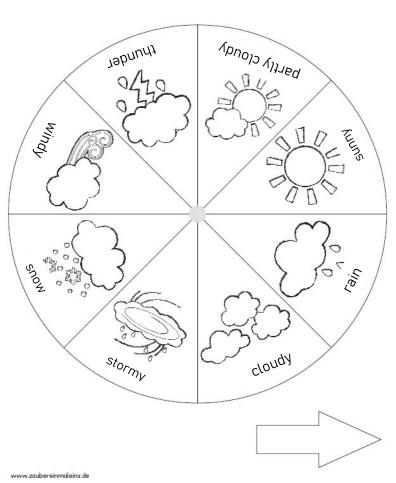
Explanation: In stop-motion animation objects are made to look as though they are moving. in ADVENTURES OF A YOUNG MOOMIN, for instance, it is crafted figures and sets made of cardboard. The illusion is created by taking many photos.

For instance, the barometer you see in the film was made of cardboard and then filmed. Craft a barometer of your own, just like the one on the film.

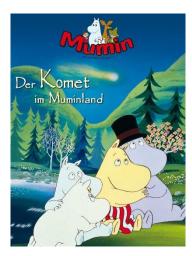
## Barometer template

Colour - cut out - pin or glue - attach arrow





The adventures of the Moomins have been so popular all over the world since the 1950s that they have been filmed many times. Numerous films and TV series are based on the Moomin stories. Have you already seen one of these other film versions?







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