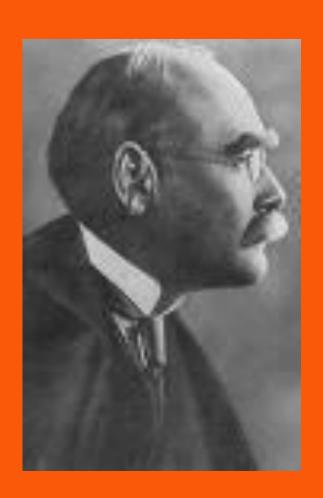


Rudyard Kipling

- Birth Date: 12/30/1865
- **Death Date**: 1/18/1936 (ulcer hemorrhage)
- Place of Birth: Bombay, India
- Place of Death: Burwash, England
- Parents: John & Alice Kipling
 - John: Artist & Architect
 - Alice: Strong ties to the arts
- Sibling: Alice Kipling



... More Kipling facts

- Editor of his school magazine
- Worked for many newspapers post school
- 1892, Married Caroline Balestier
- Two daughters Josephine (1892-99) & Elsie (1896-1976)
- One son John (1897-1915) died in WWI – Rudyard suffered gastric ulcers from his worry over his son.

Kipling's career

- **1886** Assistant Editor of *Civil and Military Gazette*
- 1888- Editor of the weekly supplement, The Week's News
- 1892- Wrote many novels and short stories, but began writing children's novels.
- **1893** *The Jungle Book* published. 2nd Jungle Book published in 1895.
- 1907— awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

... More on Kipling's career

- 1910

 poem "If-" published within a series of historical stories
- 1917

 Joined the War Graves Commission as a result of his son's disappearance.
- 1937- Kipling's last writings, contained in Something of Myself for my Friends Known and Unknown, published.
- 1976- Elsie Bambridge Kipling, Rudyard's last surviving child, died childless. His copyrights were left by her to the National Trust.



Kipling's Last Home



Kipling's Garden





India

- First known settlement appeared over 9,000 years ago.
- Sovereign country in South Asia.
- Largest democracy in the world. (socialist republic)
- 28 states & 7 federally governed union territories
- India's geographical plate-shift gave rise to the Himalayan Mountains.
- Taj Mahal is India's most popular tourist site.



India facts

- Motto: Truth Alone Triumphs
- Anthem: Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people
- National Song: "I bow to thee, Mother!"
- Capital: New Delhi
- Languages: Hindi and English



- Aug. 15, 1947 declared independence from UK
- Jan. 26, 1950 became a Republic country
- 7th largest country (by area)
- 2nd most populous (1.12 billion)

... More India Facts

- Currency: Indian Rupee
- Name Derivation: Indus, which is derived from the Old Persian word Hindu.
- Animal: Royal Bengal Tiger
- Bird: Indian Peacock
- Flower: Lotus
- Tree: Banyan
- Fruit: Mango
- Sport: Field Hockey

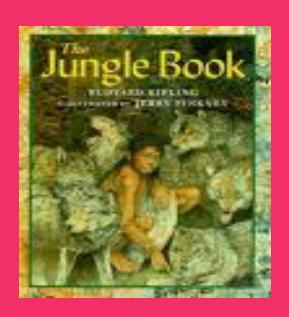
Why India?

- Kipling was born in Bombay, India
- Customs and ways of life familiar to Kipling
- Kipling shares his love of and fascination with India with his readers who are not able to visit this magical place.



The Jungle Book

- Centers around the life of a young boy named Mowgli.
- Mowgli is raised by wolves and lives among animals located in the Indian Jungle.
- His stories are featured in three stories within *The Jungle Book*: "Mowgli's Brothers," "Kaa's Hunting," and "Tiger, Tiger."





Akela – head of the wolf council

He is a good ruler and a true friend to Mowgli

Characters

Mowgli – main character (young boy)



Kaa – Rock Python Snake

Not evil; just has a different method of hunting

Baloo – loveable, brown bear.

The only non-wolf member (besides Mowgli) of the Wolf Council of Elders Mowgli's best friend





More characters

Bagheera – sleek and wise black panther

Mowgli's friend, sponsor, and tutor

Born and raised in captivity



Members of the
Bandar-Log – band
of wild monkeys,
portrayed by "King
Louie" in the
animated version

Shere Khan – Striped tiger who is sometimes called the "Big One" and "Lungri, the Lame One"

Feared for his power, but he is not respected



Layout of the Story

- Consists of seven (7) short stories:
 - Three (3) are about Mowgli and his jungle friends.
 - Four (4) are a series of animal fables.
- Each story is followed by a lyrical poem or song, supposedly sung or spoken by the main character, summarizing the story.

Themes

Mistrust of People Who are Different

- Mowgli's entrance into the wolf pack
- Mowgli's entrance into the village, as well as the villager's perceptions of Mowgli

The Value of Friendship

Relationships between Mowgli and the jungle animals

Innocence of Animals and Children

- Animals appearance as non-threatening to humans
- Mowgli's innocence toward the animals, as well as his judgment towards the animals and the village people.

Places in The Jungle Book

- Tropical jungle in the British colony of India
- Bering Sea ("The White Seal" and "Servants of the Queen") -Novastoshnah
- Monkey City of Bandar-Log
- Council rock
- South Pacific
- Segowlee Contonment



Think about it...



- How are yours and Mowgli's worlds similar?
- Is it important for a youth to leave their "safety-nest" and go live among others who are like them?
- How much of our "life experiences" influence our thinking, our goals, and our perception of the world around us?

