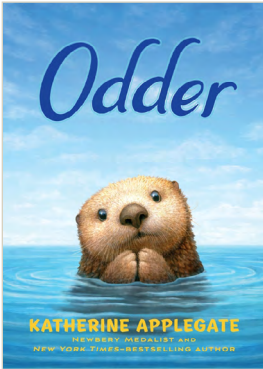


April Lesson Ideas (Elementary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of April



Book Ideas

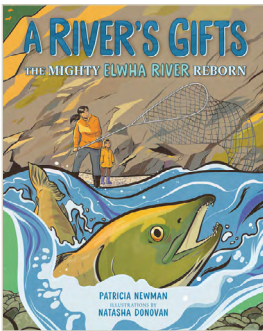


Odder

by [Katherine Applegate](#) and [Charles Santoso](#)

Themes: Poetry | Animals | Wildlife Rescue

- View the [book trailer](#) to spark interest in this novel in verse. What do readers want to learn?
- Use the [ebook preview](#) to read aloud to your class. What answers do they find?
- Discover the inspiration behind the creation of the story with this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Build fluency and comprehension with this [reader's theater script](#) to perform as class or in small groups.



A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwha River Reborn

by [Patricia Newman](#) and [Natasha Donovan](#)

Themes: Nonfiction | American Indian | Science

- View the [book trailer](#) to spark interest in this picture book in verse. What do readers want to learn?
- Use the [ebook preview](#) to read aloud to your class. What answers do they find?
- Discover the inspiration behind the creation of the story with this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Extend the lesson with poetry writing activities in this [guide](#).

Author Study Ideas



Susan Hood

- Introduce the author by playing her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Learn about the inspiration of this historical fiction novel in verse by listening to Hood's [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) for *Lifeboat 12*.
- Explore resources for other titles written by [Susan Hood](#).
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#) to add to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

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