

April Lesson Ideas (Middle)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of April

Book Ideas

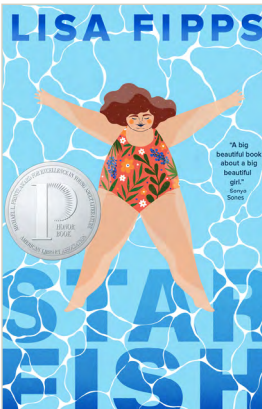


The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb

by [Candace Fleming](#)

Themes: Nonfiction | History | Egypt

- Before reading, set the stage with this [book trailer](#) featuring author Candace Fleming.
- Play the [audiobook excerpt](#) and ask students to identify techniques the author uses to hook readers.
- View the [ebook preview](#) to re-read the text in another format. What do students recall after the second reading?
- Ask students to create a fact sheet with the information they have learned. View the [author's fact sheet](#) to learn even more.



Starfish

by [Lisa Fipps](#)

Themes: Poetry | Realistic Fiction | Self-Confidence

- Read the author's [blog post](#). What do we learn about Fipps and her debut novel in verse?
- Play the [audiobook excerpt](#), then talk about "unspoken rules." Use this [guide](#) for more discussion ideas.
- Listen to the [Meet-the-Author Recording](#), and learn how personal experiences inspired the book.
- Sample resources for Fipp's new book, [And Then, Boom!](#).

Author Study Ideas



Kwame Alexander

- Introduce the author with his [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Listen to his [Meet-the-Author Recordings](#) and ask your students to identify 5 things they learned.
- Browse Alexander's [author page](#) to explore resources for books he has written, awards he has won, and interviews he has given.
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#) to add to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

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