

July Lesson Ideas (Elementary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of July

Book Ideas



Are We There Yet?: The First Road Trip Across the USA

by [Stacy McAnulty](#) and [Elizabeth Baddeley](#)

Themes: Nonfiction | Travel | History

- Introduce the author with her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Share this [interview](#) to learn more about the author and her writing journey.
- Support readers as they document main idea and supporting details while reading the interview with these [graphic organizers](#).
- Wrap up your lesson with [activities](#) provided by the author.



A Snicker of Magic

by [Natalie Lloyd](#)

Themes: Fantasy | Words | Ice Cream

- Play the [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) for your class, then read Chapter 1 of *A Snicker of Magic*. You can also use the [ebook preview](#).
- Felicity Pickle collects words. Have each reader start a section in their notebook to collect words that appeal to them.
- Dr. Zook invents new ice cream flavors. Ask your students to imagine a new flavor and write a short description of how it came to be.
- Create found poems using collected words from your students. You'll find other ideas in this [teacher's guide](#).

Author Study Ideas



Ashley Bryan

- Introduce the author by playing his [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Spend time with the author by watching the [complete video reading](#) of *Beautiful Blackbird*. What techniques does he use to keep the children engaged?
- Explore resources for other titles written by [Ashley Bryan](#).
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#) to add to book baskets, displays, or shelves.