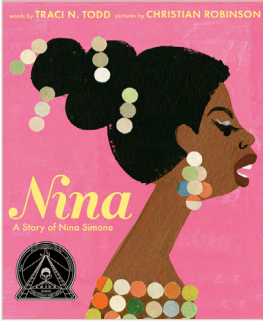


# June Lesson Ideas (Middle)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of June

## Book Ideas



### Nina: A Story of Nina Simone

by [Traci N. Todd](#) and [Christian Robinson](#)

Themes: Biography | African American | Musicians

- Launch a reading celebration for National African American Music Month with this [book trailer](#) for *Nina*.
- View the author's [book trailer](#). Compare and contrast the two book trailers.
- Explore resources about the author and the backstory of this picture book with this [Virtual Book Tour](#) blog post.
- Play the [Meet-the-Author Recording](#). What do students learn about Nina Simone that changed the course of her life?



### Finally Heard

by [Kelly Yang](#)

Themes: Realistic Fiction | Asian American | Social Media

- Explore prereading activities from the [curriculum guide](#) like the T-chart to discuss the pros and cons of social media.
- Launch National Social Media Day with *Finally Heard* by watching this [video book reading](#) read by the author.
- Guide conversation about the book reading with this [curriculum guide](#).
- Invite students to consider what they learned and how they can connect it to their own lives using this [activity kit](#).

## Author Study Ideas



### Ruth Behar

- Introduce the author with her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Spend time with the author by watching the complete video reading of [Tia Fortuna's New Home](#). Pause the recording to answer her questions, then play her Q and A to learn even more about the author.
- Explore resources for other titles written by [Ruth Behar](#).
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#) to add to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

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