

May Lesson Ideas (Elementary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of May



Book Ideas

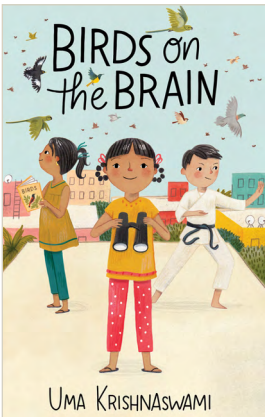


Mami King: How Ma Mon Luk Found Love, Riches, and the Perfect Bowl of Soup

by [Jacqueline Chio-Lauri](#) and [Kristin Sorra](#)

Themes: Biography | Asian | Immigrant/Refugee

- Prepare for your lesson with ideas from this [teaching and activity guide](#).
- Begin your lesson by reading the [Virtual Book Tour](#) for *Mami King*. Invite students to chat about the story, author, and questions they have.
- Listen as the author explains more about why she wrote this book in this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Support readers across skill levels with [Vocabulary Graphic Organizers](#) to develop vocabulary knowledge while reading the book.



Birds on the Brain

by [Uma Krishnaswami](#) and [Julianna Swaney](#)

Themes: Realistic Fiction | South Asian | STEAM

- Introduce the author by playing her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#). Why does she say that her name is easy to pronounce?
- Listen as Uma Krishnaswami introduces and shares some of the backstory and inspiration for creating *Birds on the Brain* in this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Complete the [jigsaw puzzle](#) for this title. Students can enjoy [completing puzzles](#) for any book cover image.

Author Study Ideas



Rajani LaRocca

- Introduce the author by playing her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Select additional recordings from TeachingBooks' [original resources](#). What do we learn about the author and her writing?
- Explore resources for other titles written by [Rajani LaRocca](#).
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#) to add to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

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