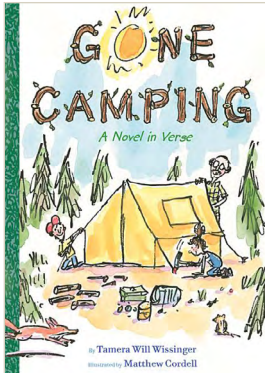


# August Lesson Ideas (Elementary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of August



## Book Ideas



### Gone Camping: A Novel in Verse

by [Tamera Will Wissinger](#) and [Matthew Cordell](#)

- Themes: Novel-in-Verse | Realistic Fiction | Camping
- Introduce novels-in-verse by reading a few pages or using the [ebook preview](#) of *Gone Camping*.
- Choose a poem with multiple voices and select a cast to read it aloud or read it aloud yourself, narrating with multiple voices.
- Explore story elements like character and setting with this [Story Map](#).
- Read the rest of the story and update your story map as you go.



### Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré

by [Anika Aldamuy Denise](#) and [Paola Escobar](#)

[Also available in Spanish](#)

Themes: Biography | Libraries | Latino (US/Canada)

- Discover the inspiration and background for *Planting Stories* with this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Read the book or watch the [complete book reading](#). This title won the Pura Belpré Award which recognizes titles for portraying, affirming, and celebrating the Latino cultural experience. Encourage students to read other titles that have won this [award](#).
- [Create puppets](#) and then retell the story.
- Access this [guide](#) for more teaching and extension ideas.

## Author Study Ideas



### Rafael López

- Go behind-the-scenes and discover how Rafael López describes his artistic process in this [Guest Author Blog Post](#).
- Invite students to create a drawing as you read the haiku “Tomato” from the book *Yum! MmMm! Qué Rico!*. Then, listen and watch as Pat Mora reads [“Tomato”](#) pausing to reflect on both López’s illustration and their own pictures.
- Play the [Meet-the-Illustrator Recording](#) for *Dancing Hands* to learn about the illustrator’s research.
- Show the [complete book reading](#) of *Dancing Hands*.

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