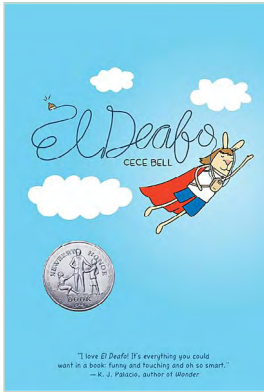


# December Lesson Ideas (Middle)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of December



## Book Ideas

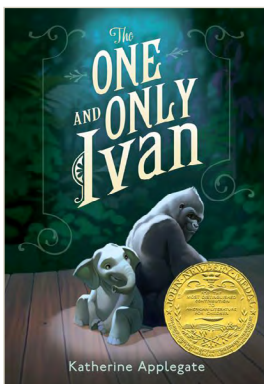


### El Deafo

by [Cece Bell](#)

Themes: Graphic Novels | Disability | Biography

- Introduce the author with this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Read a few pages from the book or use the [ebook preview](#) to begin a conversation about how images and text work together.
- Encourage students to pause and reflect on the cultural representation of characters, setting, and events with this [Cultural Representation Reflection](#).
- Research meningitis, hearing aids, or other topics to connect to the author's experience.



### The One and Only Ivan

by [Katherine Applegate](#) and [Patricia Castelao](#)

Themes: Spare Prose | Animals | Friendship

- Use this [book trailer](#) and ask students to write 3 facts they saw.
- Compare the book trailer with this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#). Ask readers what additional information they learned.
- Find [extension activities](#) that compliment reading the book aloud.
- Continue Ivan's journey by reading additional titles from the [Ivan and Friends Series](#).

## Author Study Ideas



### Jerry Craft

- Listen to the author's [Audio Name Pronunciation](#) and have students share with a partner one thing they learned.
- Listen to this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) for *New Kid* to discover how Craft's life experiences impacted the writing and illustrations in the book.
- Browse more titles by the [author](#).
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#), adding to book baskets, displays, or shelves.