November Lesson Ideas (Middle)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of November



Book Ideas



Wings of an Eagle: The Gold Medal Dreams of Billy Mills

by Billy Mills, Donna Janell Bowman, and S.D. Nelson

- Prepare for your lesson or story time by reading the <u>Guest Author Blog Post</u> on Wings of an Eagle.
- Play the <u>Meet-the-Author Recording</u>, then have your listeners discuss or write about what they learned.
- Watch the illustrator <u>video interview</u> to learn more about the background of the book's creation.
- Access social studies and history extension activities in this guide.



<u>Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee</u> <u>Aerospace Engineer</u>

by Traci Sorell and Natasha Donovan

- Browse this teaching guide for activity ideas.
- Play the book trailer to build interest.
- Perform the reader's theater script on page 3 of the resources kit.
- Ask students to write or talk about what they have learned about Mary Golda Ross and what they still want to know.

Author Study Ideas



Jon Klassen

- Jon Klassen illustrated Maryrose Wood's <u>The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place Series</u>.
 Ask students what Klassen may have needed to research or study in order to create the cover illustrations.
- Ask students to choose a Klassen "Hat Book" and reflect on the irony of the story. See <u>series</u> <u>activity guides</u> for more ideas.
- Invite students to compare two of Klassen's <u>interviews</u> in different formats and consider which format they prefer and why.

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