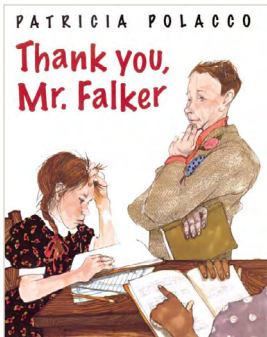


October Lesson Ideas (Elementary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of October



Book Ideas

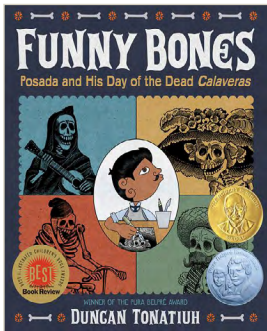


Thank You, Mr. Falker

by [Patricia Polacco](#)

Themes: Realistic Fiction | Disability | School

- Introduce readers to the author by listening to her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- View [Meet-the-Author Movie #1](#) to learn about Polacco's struggles at school and how that shaped her story.
- Encourage discussion throughout the story with this [educator's guide](#) while watching the [complete video reading](#).
- Access lesson extension ideas like having students write "thank you" pages for a class book, from this [lesson plan](#).



Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras

by [Duncan Tonatiuh](#)

Themes: Biography | Latino (Latin America) | Holiday

- Discover several reasons why Duncan Tonatiuh wrote *Funny Bones* in his [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Read the book, listen to the [audiobook excerpt](#), or view the [ebook preview](#) to learn more about the artist, Guadalupe Posada.
- Explore forms of printmaking and other lesson extension ideas in this [guide](#).
- Encourage students to read other titles by [Duncan Tonatiuh](#), compare the illustrations, and share their thoughts with a partner.

Author Study Ideas



Nikki Grimes

- Introduce readers to the author by playing her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Play the [Meet-the-Author Recording](#) of *Talkin' About Bessie* to start a conversation about role models. Ask readers to think about their role models.
- Learn about others who have contributed to society by exploring [other titles](#) by Nikki Grimes.
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#), adding to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

Refer to the [TeachingBooks Literary Calendar](#) for curricular connections and birthday and holiday celebrations.

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