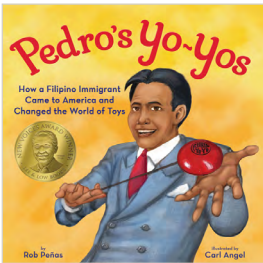


# January Lesson Ideas (Elementary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of December



## Book Ideas

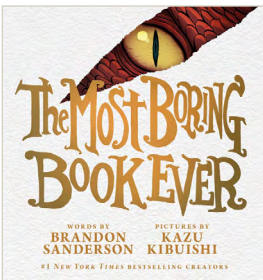


### Pedro's Yo-Yos: How a Filipino Immigrant Came to America and Changed the World of Toys

by [Rob Peñas](#) and [Carl Angel](#)

Themes: Nonfiction | STEAM | Asian American

- Listen to the author's [Audio Name Pronunciation](#). What cultures are part of his heritage?
- Learn about Peñas' research process with this [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Explore this [teacher's guide](#) for discussion ideas and cross-curricular activities.
- Identify the [awards](#) this book has received and browse to explore other books students might enjoy reading.



### The Most Boring Book Ever

by [Brandon Sanderson](#) and [Kazu Kibuishi](#)

Themes: Fiction | Humor | Fantasy

- Introduce the illustrator by playing his [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Build suspense and interest by watching the [book trailer](#).
- Watch the [complete video reading](#) and discuss how seeing the illustrations change the meaning of the story.
- If you have a physical copy of the book, be sure to peek underneath the cover.

## Author Study Ideas



### Bryan Collier

- Introduce the author by exploring the resources on his [author page](#).
- View Collier's [Meet-the-Author Movie](#). What does he say about his artwork?
- Choose one of his [titles](#) to share with your readers. Encourage them to create their own collage artwork.
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#), adding to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

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