

# February Lesson Ideas (Middle)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of February



## Book Ideas

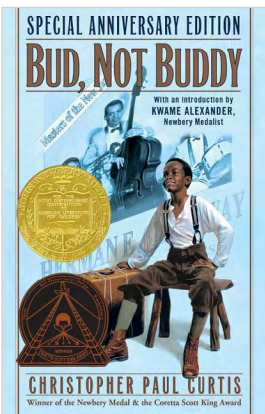


### Condor Comeback

by [Sy Montgomery](#) and [Tianne Strombeck](#)

Themes: Nonfiction | Science | Animals

- Introduce the author by watching her [Meet-the-Author Movie](#).
- Show the [ebook preview](#) and ask students to read the first 8 pages. Use the [Nonfiction Read and Respond](#) to record details while reading.
- Open the [Scientists in the Field](#) series page to find new titles to read.
- Invite readers to choose a title from the series to learn more about and report back to the class.



### Bud, Not Buddy

by [Christopher Paul Curtis](#)

Themes: Historical Fiction | African American | Runaways

- Introduce the author by playing his [Audio Name Pronunciation](#) and watching his [Meet-the-Author Movie](#).
- Listen as Curtis reveals the inspiration for *Bud, Not Buddy* in his [Meet-the-Author Recording](#).
- Invite students to compare and contrast their lives with Bud's by completing a [Cultural Representation Reflection](#).
- Access this [guide](#) filled with activities including matching games, puzzles, and additional passages to extend learning.

## Author Study Ideas



### Avi

- Listen to Avi's [Audio Name Pronunciation](#). What do you learn about his nickname?
- Learn about the author's life and work by viewing his [Meet-the-Author Movies](#), [recordings](#), and [video and audio interviews](#).
- Show how to browse all [books by the author](#), then filter by grade level and resource type.
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#), adding to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

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