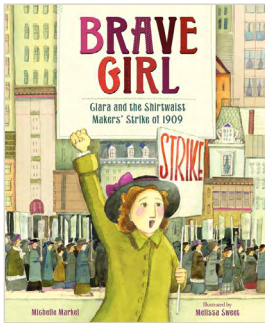


March Lesson Ideas (Elementary)

Literary highlights and extensions for the month of March



Book Ideas



Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909

by [Michelle Markel](#) and [Melissa Sweet](#)

Themes: Biography | Women's History | Social Justice

- Start your lesson with the [book trailer](#). What do students learn about Clara Lemlich?
- Introduce the creative team for *Brave Girl* by listening to author [Michelle Markel](#) and illustrator [Melissa Sweet's](#) Audio Name Pronunciations.
- Learn more about the research for the book by reading this [interview](#) with Michelle Markel.
- Read the book to your students and explore discussion and activity ideas with this [teaching ideas](#) guide. Provide additional picture book titles about women for your readers to enjoy.



Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship

by [Jessica Kensky](#), [Patrick Downes](#), and [Scott Magoon](#)

Themes: Picture Book | Disability | Animals

- Utilize the [teacher's guide](#) for discussion ideas to use before, during, and after reading.
- Spark readers' curiosity and engagement by watching the [book trailer](#) featuring the authors and Rescue.
- Read *Rescue & Jessica*. You can also play the [audiobook excerpt](#) or view the [ebook preview](#) to sample the story.
- Use the share tool to send this [activity kit](#) to teachers and parents as a way to extend the lesson.

Author Study Ideas



Kate DiCamillo

- Introduce Kate DiCamillo by playing her [Audio Name Pronunciation](#).
- Learn about the author by watching her [Meet-the-Author Movies](#) and listening to her [recordings](#).
- Browse DiCamillo's [author page](#) to explore other books she has written, awards she has won, and interviews she has given.
- Use the share tool to create a shelf card for the [author](#), adding to book baskets, displays, or shelves.

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