

2019 Sequoyah Book Awards



Lessons & Activities

Celebrating 60 Years of the Sequoyah Book Awards!

Remembering the Past, Looking To the Future

The first Sequoyah Children's Book Award was given in April 1959 at Northwestern Oklahoma State College in Alva, making this the third oldest youth-choice literary award in the nation. To celebrate the 60th birthday of the award, this year's lesson plans will reflect the theme of "Remembering the Past, Looking to the Future" with activities that tie to history and/or STEAM.

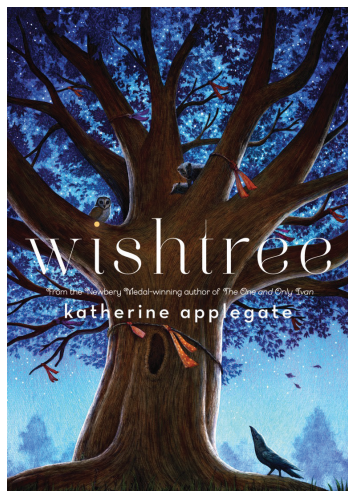
Day One: Children's Activity

Give your students a list of all of the books that have won the Sequoyah Children's Award since 1959. (Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ChildrensList> for the list.)

- Have each child ask their parents, grandparents, and other older relatives if they have read any of the books.
- Have the child ask a relative about one the books the relative has read. What was the book about? What did the relative like about the book? Does the relative think the child would enjoy the book? Why?
- Have the child tell their relatives about a Sequoyah book he/she is reading right now.

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Visit nie.newsok.com and search "Sequoyah" to download a lesson plan based on *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate. In this chapter book, Red is an ancient red oak who has seen it all. Each spring, people in the neighborhood write down their wishes on pieces of cloth and hang them from the tree's branches, giving Red a special place in the community. When the tree's owners decide to cut Red down, the tree reaches out to the animals and birds for help.

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