

# Leafy Landmarks

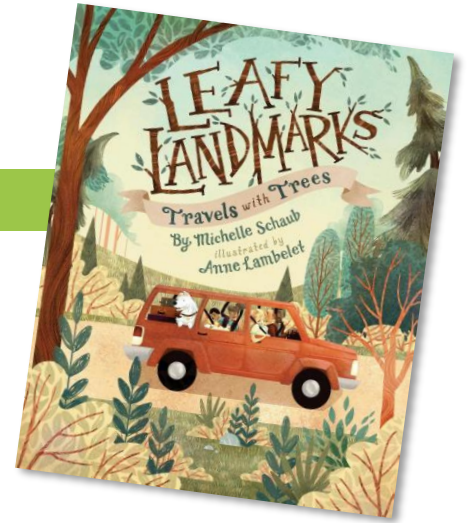
## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Landmarks, Poetry

**Book Brief:** Road trips are exciting, especially with intriguing places to visit and new things to learn. Through poetry, readers explore 14 historic trees, from the Emancipation Oak in Virginia to Methuselah in California, discovering trees that witnessed history, traveled to the moon, and inspired hope.

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## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

**The Pictures:** Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the trees.

**Prior Knowledge:** Search for a video about landmarks for children.

**Vocabulary:** Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

**Purpose for Reading:** "As we read today, listen for each of the trees and what they represent."

## DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does the live oak tree symbolize?
- Describe a "moon tree"
- What is Morton's mission? Why?

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** Select a tree and explain the significance behind it.

**Extend Our Thinking:** Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students create their own landmark poem. Choose something significant in your life to be your landmark and give details on it's significance.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more poems with the [Poetry Collection](#).