

EDITORIAL CALENDAR

To make lesson planning easier for you this school year, we're thrilled to share this complete list of exciting editorial features coming in the first four issues of *Scope*. Start with this sneak peek.

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER/JANUARY
GRAMMAR	Talks to Dogs (<i>their, there, they're</i>)	Ghost Ship (<i>number, amount</i>)	Has a Treat (<i>who's, whose</i>)	Rains Fish (<i>affect, effect</i>)
NARRATIVE NONFICTION	From War to America	Our World Turned to Water	The Halifax Disaster of 1917	The Shark Attacks of 1916
PLAY	Greek Mythology Play: Hercules the Mighty	The Monkey's Paw	Rip Van Winkle	Jackie Robinson
DEBATE	Essay Kit: Would You Get a Flip Phone?	Essay Kit: Should Fidget Spinners Be Allowed at School?	Essay Kit: Should We Bring Back Recess?	Scavenger Hunt: You Just Found \$100. Should You Keep It?
PAIRED TEXTS	The Amazing History of Dogs	The History of Teeth	The Wild Life of Christian the Lion	My Parent Went to War
FICTION	Into the Storm by Eleanora E. Tate	Not available	The Ice Planet	Not available
LAZY EDITOR	The Weirdest Laws in America	Donut Goes to China	Is Bird Poop Ruining the World?	Big News for Bison
SHORT READ	They Failed. (And So Can You.)	Can the Desert Tortoise Be Saved?	The Science of Superpowers	The World of Ice Road Truckers
YOU WRITE IT	Welcome to the Hottest Place on Earth	Your Life Story	Write a Story Contest	"Where's My Story?"

FEATURED ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	CORE ELA SKILLS
GRAMMAR Talk to Dogs	Students practice using <i>their</i> , <i>there</i> , and <i>they're</i> while learning about how dogs communicate.	
NARRATIVE NONFICTION From War to America	This powerful article tells the story of two brothers who journeyed from war-torn Syria to a new home in America. <i>With a map, informational sidebar, video, audio, poem</i>	Central ideas and details, inference, tone, text evidence, summarizing
GREEK MYTHOLOGY PLAY Hercules the Mighty	In this touching and humorous play, Hercules transforms from an insecure teenager to a powerful man who embraces the qualities that make him different. <i>With slideshow, audio</i>	Character, inference, word choice, tone, character's motivation
DEBATE/ESSAY KIT Would You Get a Flip Phone?	More and more people are giving up their smartphones. Students read arguments on both sides of the debate, then take a stand.	Supporting an argument, central ideas and details
PAIRED TEXTS The Amazing History of Dogs	Students explore where the dog came from and how the relationship between dogs and humans has changed over time. <i>With video, audio</i>	Synthesis, text structure, vocabulary in context, key ideas, supporting details, summarizing, text features
FICTION Into the Storm by Eleanora E. Tate	A boy becomes a hero in this delightful tale with a supernatural twist. Paired with an informational text about a related historical figure. <i>With audio</i>	Character, point of view, text structure, word choice, inference, mood
LAZY EDITOR The Weirdest Laws in America	Students correct grammatical errors and revise sloppy writing in a short nonfiction article about America's most bizarre laws. <i>Multiple reading levels available</i>	
SHORT READ They Failed. (And So Can You.)	This bite-sized, challenging informational text explores the importance of failure and how it can help us succeed. <i>With constructed-response questions, audio, slideshow</i>	Supporting a claim, central ideas and details, text evidence
YOU WRITE IT Welcome to the Hottest Place on Earth	Students hone their descriptive-writing skills while reading about the hottest place on Earth: Dallol, Ethiopia.	Descriptive writing, revision

FEATURED ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	CORE ELA SKILLS
GRAMMAR Ghost Ship	Your students practice using <i>number</i> and <i>amount</i> while reading about the fascinating history of the famously haunted ship, the <i>Queen Mary</i> . Perfect for Halloween!	
NARRATIVE NONFICTION Our World Turned to Water	This powerful nonfiction article shares with your students one community's experience during the Louisiana Flood of 2016. We've paired the story with a beautiful original poem about the power of community after a tragedy. <i>With video, audio, sidebar, poem</i>	Synthesis, text structure, author's purpose, mood, word choice, key ideas and details
PLAY The Monkey's Paw	Students will love this delightfully creepy play based on the classic horror story by W.W. Jacobs. We've paired the play with an informational text about how to make wishes come true. <i>With video, audio</i>	Theme, author's craft, mood, character, inference, text structure
SHORT READ Can the Desert Tortoise Be Saved?	This bite-sized nonfiction text explores how scientists are using technology to save the planet's most vulnerable creatures. <i>With vocabulary slideshow</i>	Supporting a claim, central ideas and details, text evidence
DEBATE/ESSAY KIT Should Fidget Spinners Be Allowed at School?	Should students be allowed to use fidget spinners in school? A student and a principal face off in the debate. Your students decide who makes the most convincing argument.	Evaluating an argument, supporting an argument, central ideas and details
PAIRED TEXT The History of Teeth	A nonfiction article about the gory, horrific, and completely fascinating history of teeth is paired with a timeline and a short editorial on the problem of "dental deserts" in America. <i>With timeline, science and history connections</i>	Synthesis, figurative language, text structure, key ideas and details, text features, tone, author's craft
LAZY EDITOR Donut Goes to China	Students edit a short nonfiction article about how Dunkin' Donuts changed its menu for its stores in China. <i>Multiple reading levels available</i>	
YOU WRITE IT Your Life Story	Students use our timeline, which includes key historical events of the past 13 years, to create their own "life story" timeline in the form of an infographic, slideshow, or video.	

FEATURED ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	CORE ELA SKILLS
GRAMMAR Has a Treat	Students learn how some of their favorite foods were invented by accident, while they practice using <i>who's</i> and <i>whose</i> .	
NARRATIVE NONFICTION The Halifax Disaster of 1917	In this powerful story of courage and survival, students learn about one of the worst disasters in history: the collision of two ships in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1917. <i>With video, audio</i>	Central ideas and details, summarizing, tone, text evidence
PAIRED TEXTS The Wild Life of Christian the Lion	Students explore our relationship with wild animals after reading the moving story of a lion that was raised in captivity in London in the 1970s. <i>With audio, vocabulary slideshow</i>	Compare and contrast, synthesizing
PLAY Rip Van Winkle	Students will love this delightful play based on the classic short story by Washington Irving. <i>With vocabulary slideshow</i>	Character, theme, mood, inference
DEBATE/ESSAY KIT Should We Bring Back Recess?	Frequent breaks are important for learning, but in jam-packed middle-school days, recess is taking a back seat. Should we make more time for it? Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand. <i>With vocabulary slideshow</i>	Supporting an argument, evaluating an argument, central ideas and details
SHORT READ The Science of Superpowers	Superhero stories may seem like the stuff of Hollywood, but the creators of these stories have their feet firmly planted in science. <i>With audio</i>	Supporting a claim, text evidence, central ideas and details
FICTION The Ice Planet	In this riveting work of science fiction, students will be transported to the future on a hunt for alien life across the stars. An informational text about the real science behind the search for alien life completes this fascinating package. <i>With audio</i>	Inference, mood, synthesizing, setting, genre, theme
LAZY EDITOR Is Bird Poop Ruining the World?	Students edit a short nonfiction article about how bird poop contributes to the destruction of America's infrastructure. <i>Multiple reading levels available</i>	Check back soon!
YOU WRITE IT Write a Story Contest	Our annual contest is back! Students choose a first line by a famous author (to be announced), and use it to write their own works of fiction. Stay tuned for details!	

FEATURED ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	CORE ELA SKILLS
GRAMMAR Rains Fish	Students learn the fascinating history of this strange weather phenomenon while practicing using <i>affect</i> and <i>effect</i> .	
NARRATIVE NONFICTION The Shark Attacks of 1916	In July 1916, a series of gruesome shark attacks occurred along the coast of New Jersey. This gripping nonfiction article tells the horrifying story of the attacks and explains how the panic and fear they incited would change the way we looked at sharks forever. <i>With audio, vocabulary slideshow</i>	Central ideas and details, text features, text structures, tone
PAIRED TEXTS My Parent Went to War	In this paired text package, students explore the lives of two military families—one from the past and one from today. <i>With audio, vocabulary slideshow</i>	Synthesizing, compare and contrast, theme
PLAY Jackie Robinson	In this moving play, students learn how American hero Jackie Robinson changed the game of baseball—and our country—forever. <i>With video and vocabulary read-aloud</i>	Tone, mood, inference, character, genre
DEBATE/SCAVENGER HUNT You Just Found \$100. Should You Keep It?	What should you do with money that you find on the street? Two writers face off in the debate. Your students decide who makes the most convincing argument. <i>With vocabulary read-aloud</i>	Evaluating an argument, supporting an argument, central ideas and details
SHORT READ The World of Ice Road Truckers	This bite-sized nonfiction text explores the fascinating infrastructure behind how goods are delivered to the world's most remote and dangerous places. <i>With audio</i>	Supporting a claim, central ideas and details, text evidence
LAZY EDITOR Big News for Bison	Students edit a short nonfiction article about how the bison became the national mammal of the U.S.	
YOU WRITE IT “Where’s My Story?”	Students use our interview with 8th grader Marley Dias, who lobbied for school libraries to include books with more diverse characters, to write their own articles.	