

Scope at Home

Simple ideas to help your middle schooler explore the power of reading!

Dear family,

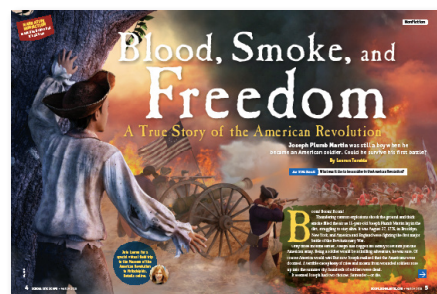
Today your child is bringing home the March 2018 issue of *Scope*. Ask your child what he or she learned from it! Look at the table of contents on page 2 and ask your child to point out a favorite article.

Here are some more activities you can do at home to build your son's or daughter's reading and thinking skills:



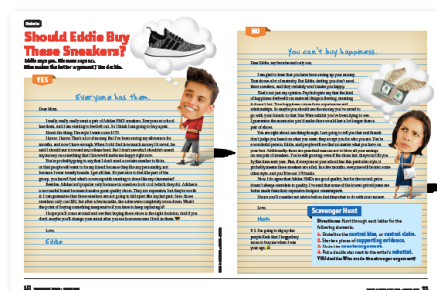
- **Watch a video for the article “Blood, Smoke, and Freedom” on pages 4–9.**

Go to Scope Online (scope.scholastic.com) and watch the video about author Lauren Tarshis’s trip to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. Then ask your child to tell you more about the incredible true story of a 15-year-old boy who fought in the American Revolution.



- **Check out the debate “Should Eddie Buy These Sneakers?” on pages 10–11.**

Read Eddie’s and his mother’s letters aloud. Discuss: Should Eddie buy the sneakers? Who makes the better argument?



- **Explore the paired texts “Swarms of Terror” and “Growing Up on a Farm” on pages 12–18.**

Read these articles about farming life past and present silently together. The first describes the locust swarms that devastated the American prairie in the late 1800s; the second is a personal essay about life on a modern-day American farm. Discuss: How has farming changed over time? What is our relationship with nature?



As always, we hope you enjoy reading *Scope* as a family!

Sincerely,

Your child’s teacher and the editors of *Scope*