



Lessons of Hope From the Past

Dear teachers,

Last December, Lauren Tarshis shared on Twitter that she'd been thinking a lot about the stories her grandmother used to tell her about living through polio epidemics—how schools closed, the way families quarantined at home, the feelings of fear. Lauren wrote that thinking about those stories filled her with hope—because, of course, polio was conquered.

The response to that tweet was extraordinary, and it included many requests from you that she write about her family's experience. So that's exactly what she did! I am honored to share Lauren's story "From Fear to Hope" in this issue. It's fascinating and important and deeply relevant. And most of all? It's filled with hope.

Warmly,
Kristin



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Earth Day Extravaganza

Return of the Buffalo

Millions of buffalo once roamed North America. This is the story of how they nearly became extinct and the people working today to bring the buffalo back.



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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "Searching for Snottites"	Students practice using <i>to</i> , <i>too</i> , and <i>two</i> while learning about snottites: mysterious strings of goo made by cave-dwelling bacteria.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>To, Too, and Two</i>	More practice with <i>to</i> , <i>too</i> , and <i>two</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-9 "From Fear to Hope"	To offer lessons and hope for what we are facing today with the Covid-19 pandemic, author Lauren Tarshis shares her grandmother's stories of what it was like to grow up during the polio outbreaks of the 1920s and '30s.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Behind the Scenes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to Write: Lessons of Hope Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Nonfiction Elements* Video Discussion Questions Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Choice Board Quiz* Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure, Central Ideas and Details* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 10-11 "Her Designs Are Helping the Planet"	In this bite-sized article, students meet Maya Penn, an eco-fashion designer who started a sustainable clothing line when she was 10 years old.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.1, W.4, W.5, L.4, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Meet Maya Penn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Short Write Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 12-17 "The Vanishing Beasts" and "Return of the Buffalo"	Explore the history of the buffalo in America and learn how the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribes are working to restore the buffalo to tribal lands.	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.5, R.7, R.10, W.2, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	Audio: Vocabulary Podcast: Author Chat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to Write: Protecting the Buffalo Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Choice Board Quiz* Core Skill: Text Evidence* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate , pp. 18-19 "Is It Ever OK to Quit?"	When is it OK to quit? Students explore this question, apply their thinking to a relatable scenario, and then debate.	Featured Skill: argument writing CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.6, R.8, W.1, W.4, W.5, W.7, SL.1, L.4, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Time to Reflect Graphic Organizer 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 20-24 <i>The Golden Curse</i>	Students will love performing this delightful play based on the Greek myth of King Midas.	Featured Skill: theme CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.5, R.7, R.10, W.2, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	Vocabulary Slideshow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to Write: What Midas Learns Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Character Thinking Tool Choice Board Quiz* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Fiction , pp. 25-29 "Dear Future"	In this touching coming-of-age story, a surprising find at a used-book sale helps a boy navigate a tough period in his life. An informational text about journaling follows the story.	Featured Skill: character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.3, W.5, W.9, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to Write: James's Journal Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Choice Board Quiz* Core Skill: Inference 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
You Be the Editor , pp. 30-31 "The Weirdest Stuff on the Moon"	Students hone their writing and revision skills while learning about why objects have been left on the moon.	Featured Skills: editing and revising CCSS: R.1, W.5, L.3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run-on Sentences Sentence Variation 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key ✓ Model text
Poem , p. 32 "Truth"	Students read a beautiful poem by Nikki Grimes then use it as a model to write their own poems.	Featured Skills: analyzing and writing poetry CCSS: R.10, W.3	Audio: Poem Illustrator Slideshow Video: Author Read-Aloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Analysis Poetry Planner 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key

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Behind the Scenes Video

Author Lauren Tarshis shares the writing and research process behind "From Fear to Hope," a special story about polio, her family, and Covid-19.



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