



Spotlight On: Writing Kits

Dear teachers,

Have you tried our writing kits? These guided-writing activities are a wonderful, nonintimidating way to help your students organize their ideas and plan what they want to write.

You can find our writing kits in the Resources Tab at Scope Online for every feature that comes with a writing prompt. You'll find kits for argumentative, explanatory, and narrative writing as well as poetry. Our favorite of this issue? The writing kit that comes with our play, *The Curse of Grendel*. Students get to be journalists covering Beowulf's victory over the monster Grendel.

We hope you'll try out a writing kit with your students and tell us how it goes. We'd love to hear from you!

Warmly,

Kristin and the Scope Team



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Staff Picks

"'Stranded at Sea' has action, adventure, and a hero who would go on to become president. Your students will not be able to put this one down!"

—Adee Braun, *Managing Editor*



"The fiction feature 'The Cabin' has so much to offer: a thrilling narrative, SEL themes, and an opportunity to learn about the culture of the Inupiat."

—Jennifer Dignan, *Senior Editor*

"As a huge fan of the Olympics, I would love to see new sports added. Ultimate Frisbee? Parkour? I can't decide! But hopefully your students will after they read our infographic." —Alison Colby, *Production Editor*



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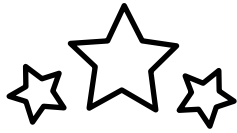
Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "Front Row Seats to a Volcanic Eruption"	Students practice using plurals and possessives while learning about a recent volcanic eruption in Iceland.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	Video: Grammar Hack: Do You Need That Apostrophe?	Print, project, or share digitally! More practice with plurals and possessives	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 "Stranded at Sea"	In 1943, 11 American sailors, including John F. Kennedy, became stranded in the South Pacific. This gripping nonfiction feature tells the remarkable story of their survival.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.2, W.3, W.9, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article Video: Behind the Scenes Vocabulary Slideshow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Kennedy's Heroism • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Video Discussion Questions • Vocabulary: Definitions • Quiz* • Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 11-15 <i>The Curse of Grendel</i>	Students will love performing this action-packed play based on the epic poem <i>Beowulf</i> .	Featured Skill: summarizing CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.5, R.7, R.9, R.10, W.3, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	Audio: Vocabulary and pronunciation guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: "The Heorot Herald" • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Choice Board • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Pronunciation Guide • Core Skill: Inference 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 16-19 "Becoming Darth Vader"	The story of how James Earl Jones, who developed a stutter when he was 6, grew up to become a famous actor is paired with the profile of a teen who learned to embrace her stutter through performing.	Featured Skill: synthesizing CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Articles and vocabulary Video: Get to Know: Olivia Simmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Powerful Voices • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate: Scavenger Hunt , pp. 20-21 "Should Lunch Be Longer?"	Experts say kids need more time to eat. Jeremy thinks the solution is extending the lunch period. Kayla disagrees. Who makes the stronger argument?	Featured Skill: analyzing arguments CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, R.6, R.8, W.1, W.4, W.5, SL.1, L.4, L.6	Audio: Debate and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scavenger Hunt* • Essay Kit • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 22-23 "One of These Dolphins Is a Robot"	This bite-sized article explores how one company is building animatronic dolphins that could one day replace real dolphins at marine parks.	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 a Robo-Dolphin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Short Write Kit • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skill: Central Ideas and Details* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Fiction , pp. 24-29 "The Cabin" by Nasuqra Rainey Hopson	In this suspenseful story, a young girl learns to face her fears while trapping in the Arctic wilderness.	Featured Skill: character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, W.9, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story and vocabulary Video: Author Chat Background Builder Slideshow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Adah's Boogies • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Choice Board • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skill: Text Evidence* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
You Be the Editor , pp. 30-31 "Goats in Trees"	Students hone their writing and revision skills while learning about how goats in Morocco help to spread the seeds of argan trees.	Featured Skills: editing and revising CCSS: R.1, W.5, L.3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word Variation • Sentence Variation 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key ✓ Model text
Infographic , p. 32 "Choose the Next Olympic Sport!"	After analyzing our infographic about parkour and ultimate Frisbee, students decide which one should be included in the next Olympics.	Featured Skill: interpreting visual text CCSS: R.1, R.7, W.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Planner 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key ✓ Model text

** Common Core Anchor Standards. For grade-level-specific Common Core standards as well as Texas State Standards, go to Scope Online.

* Available on two levels

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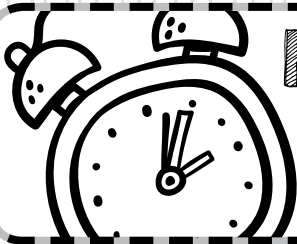
Author Chat

Nasugraq Rainey Hopson, the
author of this issue's fiction
feature, "The Cabin," invites you
and your students into her Inupiat
community in Alaska.



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