



The Perfect Tone Activity

Dear teachers,

Rats are unfortunately a fact of life for me as a New Yorker. I can't deny that the sight of them scurrying along subway tracks and sidewalks makes me shudder. But I still could not be more thrilled to share this issue's paired texts feature. One article focuses on rats as gross pests that have been bothering humans for centuries, and the other makes an argument for how incredible rats actually are. Together, the articles are a fantastic way to explore tone and consider how authors can have different perspectives on the same topic.

We have also created a suite of robust support materials: a lesson plan, vocabulary, a skills video on tone, and a scaffolded preparing-to-write activity. Find these gems and more in the Resources tab at Scope Online.

Enjoy!
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Staff Picks!

"The Bone Hunter' tells the story of Mary Anning, the unsung hero of paleontology. It's perfect for Women's History Month!"

—Adee Braun, *Managing Editor*



"Naomi Shihab Nye's poem has a beautiful SEL theme. Don't miss Nye's read-aloud video at Scope Online!"

—Jennifer Dignan, *Senior Editor*



"Our timeline about recorded music will fascinate your students. (Remember mixtapes?!)"

—Alison Colby, *Production Editor*



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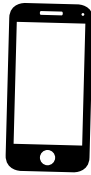
Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "Earth Got a New Ocean!"	Students practice using <i>number</i> and <i>amount</i> while learning about the Southern Ocean.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>Number or Amount?</i>	More practice with <i>number</i> and <i>amount</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-9 "The Bone Hunter"	Mary Anning was just 12 years old when she discovered a fossil that would change the world—and her own life.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.3, W.9, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Time Machine	Preparing to Write: Mary Anning's Journal Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Video Discussion Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 10-11 "Why Do Things Go Viral?"	This bite-sized article explores the science and technology behind going viral.	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	The Short Write Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skill: Central Ideas and Details*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 12-18 <i>Escape From the Hindenburg</i>	Two teens travel back in time and find themselves on board the famous airship the <i>Hindenburg</i> .	Featured Skill: key ideas and details 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		Preparing to Write: Your Airship Ad Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Choice Board Quiz* Core Skill: Inference	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 19-24 "Rats"	Adorable creatures or disgusting pests? Two articles present two very different perspectives on rats, for a fantastic lesson on tone.	Featured Skill: analyzing tone 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 Skill Video: Tone	Preparing to Write: Analyzing Tone Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skill: Text Evidence*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Poem , p. 25 "Over the Weather"	Students read and analyze a moving poem by Naomi Shihab Nye.	Featured Skills: analyzing and writing poetry CCSS: R.10, W.3	Audio: Poem Video: Poem read-aloud by Naomi Shihab Nye	Poetry Analysis	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate , pp. 26-27 "Do You Need to Know How to Tell Time?"	Should kids still learn to read analog clocks? Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	Featured Skill: argument writing 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	Essay Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Fiction In a Flash , pp. 28-29 "Wake Up, Maddalena"	What is real and what is a dream? This work of sci-fi—with a big twist!—is a great short text for exploring sensory details.	Featured Skill: sensory details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.3, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story Video: Author read-aloud Vocabulary Slideshow	Spotlight On: Sensory Details Narrative Planner Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
You Be the Editor , pp. 30-31 "The Amazing Yo-Yo"	Students hone their writing and revision skills while learning about the fascinating history of the yo-yo.	Featured Skill: editing and revising CCSS: R.1, W.5, L.3		Word Variation Sentence Variation	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key ✓ Model text
Infographic , p. 32 "The Story of Music"	After analyzing our infographic about the history of recorded music, students create their own "The Story of . . ." infographics.	Featured Skill: interpreting visual text CCSS: R.1, R.7, W.2, W.7		Preparing to Create Your Infographic	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key

** 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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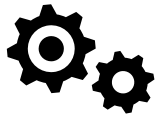
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What's the Tone?

Our new skills video is all about tone. It's the perfect companion to this issue's paired texts about rats.



New! Summarizing Activity

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Interactive Poll

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