



Earth Day Extravaganza

Dear teachers,

Earth Day is one of my favorite days of the year—it's a chance for students to come together to learn about the planet, marvel at its complexities, and think critically about how to solve environmental problems. And we have you covered with a range of fascinating stories and multimedia to infuse your Earth Day lessons with joy and rigor:

Narrative Nonfiction: Summer of Blood. The shark attacks of 1916 shaped our perception—and misunderstanding—of sharks for decades. We now understand how critical these apex predators are to ocean ecosystems.

Infographic: Why Is This Dirt So Amazing? In this visual text, students learn all about compost.

Research Kit: Our scaffolded interactive kit guides students on a research journey about an endangered animal of their choosing.

Earth Day Every Day: Our growing collection at Scope Online is a treasure trove of articles, stories, plays, and more.

Happy Earth Day!

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Staff Picks

"‘The McCoy Game’ is a sci-fi story full of humor and heart, where students will encounter one delightful surprise after another."

—Jennifer Dignan, *Senior Editor*

"‘Sharks: Fact or Fiction?’ is an anticipation guide that is sure to build curiosity and activate prior knowledge before reading the gripping cover story.

Shark Week lovers are in for a treat."

—Lauren Salisbury, *Education Editor*



"The Short Read delves into the fascinating world of a Foley artist. Students will be stunned at how sound effects are created. (Hint: Pineapples come in handy!)"

—Adee Braun, *Managing Editor*



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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "The Stories of Stuff"	Students practice using <i>your</i> and <i>you're</i> while learning about the surprising origins of everyday items.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>Your or You're?</i>	More practice with <i>your</i> and <i>you're</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 "Summer of Blood"	This gripping work of nonfiction tells the story of the 1916 shark attacks, which changed the way we see sharks. The article also explores why sharks are important and how we can protect them.	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: The Truth About Sharks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Sharks and Humans • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Sharks: Fact or Fiction? (Anticipation Guide) • Choice Board • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Fiction , pp. 11-16 "The McCoy Game"	In this delightful work of science fiction by author B.B. Alston, two cousins take part in a mysterious challenge.	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 Vocabulary Slideshow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Jamal and Dre • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Choice Board • Vocabulary: Definitions • Quiz* • Core Skill: Inference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 17-21 "Ready. Set. JUMP!" and "Skateboarding Takes Off"	Two nonfiction texts explore the history of two beloved sports: double Dutch and skateboarding.	Featured Skill: synthesis 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: Beyond the Story Slideshow: How to Double Dutch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Synthesis • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Video Discussion Questions • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Choice Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , p. 22-23 "What Is She Doing?"	This bite-sized article explores the fascinating job of Foley artists, who create sounds for movies and TV shows.	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 Sanaa Kelley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Short Write Kit • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skill: Central Ideas and Details* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Dilemma , pp. 24-25 "Should You Post That?"	Students read an article about when it's OK to post on social media. Then they choose a scenario and offer advice.	Featured Skill: supporting a claim CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, R.6, R.8, W.1, W.4, W.5, SL.1, L.4, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Planner: My Advice • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 26-31 <i>Pandora's Box</i>	Students will love performing this humorous play based on the Greek myth. We've paired it with an original poem by Jennifer Dignan about curiosity.	Featured Skill: theme CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.6, R.9, R.10, W.2, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	Audio: Poem, pronunciation guide, and vocabulary Video: Poem read-aloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Power of Curiosity • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Theme Anticipation Guide • Genre Exploration • Pronunciation Guide • Poetry Analysis • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Choice Board • Core Skill: Text Evidence* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Infographic , p. 32 "Why Is This Dirt So Amazing?"	After analyzing our infographic about composting, students create their own PSA.	Featured Skill: interpreting visual text CCSS: R.1, R.7, W.2, W.7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Your PSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key

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** 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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Mentor Texts

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Poetry Month

Be sure to check out Jennifer Dignan's video read-aloud of her poem "Pandora, Ungifted," plus a wide selection of other poems and poetry activities.



Special Collection: Earth Day Every Day

Infuse your Earth Day units with this rich collection of articles, stories, activities, and more.



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