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Dear teachers,

Have you tried our slide decks? These interactive student-facing lesson plans have become a teacher favorite. They're an engaging way to take kids through a reading experience—and a major time-saver for you. Each slide deck comes with a do-now, links to read and listen to the story, multimedia, discussion questions, and a choice board. Use them with your whole class, in small groups, or as a self-guided independent assignment.

This year, we've added even more slide decks to Scope Online. Find them in the Resources tab on any story page.

If you haven't tried them yet, I hope you'll give one a whirl—and tell me how it goes. Our team is always looking for ways to make our resources even more useful to you.

In the meantime, I wish you a lovely and restful holiday break. See you in 2022!

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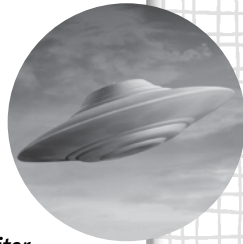
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Staff Picks

"The nonfiction feature is a fascinating ride through the history of UFOs and the search for extraterrestrial life. Your students will have lots to discuss!"

—Adee Braun, *Managing Editor*



"The haiku by Jason Reynolds will lead to rich SEL discussions and will be a wonderful addition to your digital citizenship unit." —Lauren Salisbury, *Education Editor*



"Elizabeth Ann, the black-footed ferret in our debate about cloning, is sure to spark spirited discussion in your classroom. She's also adorable!"

—Mackenzie Carro, *Senior Editor*



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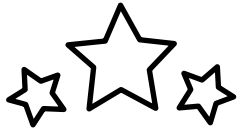
Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "School Lunch Around the World"	Students practice using <i>their</i> and <i>there</i> while learning all about what kids around the world eat for lunch.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>There, Their, or They're?</i>	More practice with <i>their</i> and <i>there</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 "Are Those Aliens?"	This fascinating nonfiction feature explores the mysterious history of UFO sightings in the U.S., as well as the search for extraterrestrial life today.	Featured Skill: evaluating evidence CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.1, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Beyond the Story Vocabulary Slideshow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Explaining UFOs • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Video Discussion Questions • Choice Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 End of Jimmy Valentine</i>	Students will love performing this charming play based on O. Henry's short story "A Retrieved Reformation."	Featured Skill: analyzing character 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Writing Your Scene • Theme Anticipation Guide • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Choice Board • Core Skill: Inference 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Poem , pp. 16-17 "Characters" by Jason Reynolds	Students read a haiku by Jason Reynolds, then use it as a model to write their own haiku. Plus! We've paired the poem with a special author chat with Reynolds.	Featured Skills: analyzing and writing poetry CCSS: R.10, W.3	Audio: Poem read-aloud by Jason Reynolds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry Analysis • Poetry Planner 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate , pp. 18-20 "Should We Clone Her?"	Should we clone endangered species? 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: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay Kit • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 21-25 "The Age of Superheroes"	A nonfiction text exploring the fascinating origin story of Superman is paired with an essay about why we love superheroes.	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Design Your Superhero • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Choice Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skills: Text Evidence*, Central Ideas and Details* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
You Write It , pp. 26-27 Interview: "Teens' Invention Keeps Drivers Safe"	Students turn our interview with three teens protecting drivers from dangerous floods into an article.	Featured Skills: summarizing, key ideas CCSS: R.1, R.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Planner 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key ✓ Model text
Fiction In a Flash , pp. 28-29 "My Favorite"	After reading a poignant story by Rachel Vail, students complete an activity focused on repetition, then write their own stories.	Featured Skill: repetition CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.3, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story and vocabulary Video: Author Read-Aloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative Planner • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 30-31 "The Happiness Challenge"	In this bite-sized article, students learn five daily habits that experts say increase happiness.	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 Slideshow: Happiness Hacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Short Write Kit • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Contest , p. 32 "First-Line Fiction Contest"	Students choose one of three first lines by famous author Sayantani DasGupta and use it to write an original piece of fiction.	Featured Skill: narrative writing CCSS: W.3	Video: Author Talk with Sayantani DasGupta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Contest Checklist 	

** 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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Interactive Poll

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Author Read-Aloud

Don't miss Rachel Vail's video read-aloud of her short story, "My Favorite."



First-Line Contest

Our annual contest is back! Students choose a first line by Sayantani DasGupta and use it to write an original piece of fiction.

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