



# We'd Love To Visit Your Classroom!

Dear teachers,

This month, Team Scope is hitting the road, and we'd love to visit YOU! We so enjoy connecting with teachers and students, learning about how you use *Scope* and how we can continue to support your goals and priorities, and talking with students about what fascinates them. (You might even see a story idea from a class visit appear in *Scope* next year!)

If you'd like a visit from Team Scope, drop me a line at [KELewis@scholastic.com](mailto:KELewis@scholastic.com), and we'll make it happen, either in person or virtually.

Looking forward to connecting!

Kristin

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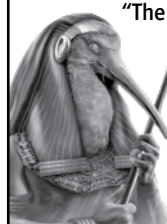


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## Staff Picks

"Your students will love James Yamasaki's illustrations in 'The Secret Files of Dr. Maliver' (p. 32). Plus, it's a great way to explore Greek and Latin roots."

—Jane Nussbaum, *Executive Editor*



"The play (p. 12), based on an ancient Egyptian myth, is thought-provoking, fun, and knowledge building. Be sure to use the audio pronunciation guide at Scope Online."

—Mackenzie Carro, *Senior Editor*

"Don't miss our new Context Clues Challenge. It's a great post-reading activity that comes with this issue's fiction, 'Facing Forever' (p. 27)."

—Lauren Salisbury, *Education Editor*



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# Your April 2023 Issue at a Glance

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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
<b>Grammar</b> , pp. 2-3 "Why Do We Say That?"	Learn the surprising origins of three idioms while practicing <i>you're</i> and <i>your</i> .	<b>Featured Skill:</b> conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	<b>Video:</b> Grammar Hack: <i>You're or Your?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>You're or Your?</b></li> <li><b>What's an Idiom?</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lesson plan</li> <li>✓ Text-to-speech</li> <li>✓ Answer key</li> </ul>
<b>Narrative Nonfiction</b> , pp. 4-9 "Born to Run"	The incredible story of Paralympian Ezra Frech, one of Team USA's youngest stars	<b>Featured Skill:</b> 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	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> Beyond the Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Writing Planner:</b> Ezra's Dreams</li> <li><b>Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b></li> <li><b>Video Discussion Questions</b></li> <li><b>Choice Board</b></li> <li><b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions &amp; Practice</li> <li><b>Quiz*</b></li> <li><b>Core Skills:</b> Summarizing*, Text Structure*, Text Features, Text Evidence*, Nonfiction Elements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lesson plan</li> <li>✓ Text-to-speech</li> <li>✓ Lower Lexile</li> <li>✓ Spanish version</li> <li>✓ Answer key</li> </ul>
<b>Debate: Essay Kit</b> , pp. 10-11 "Should the School Week Be Shorter?"	Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> argument writing CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.8, W.1, W.5, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	<b>Audio:</b> Debate and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Essay Kit</b></li> <li><b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions &amp; Practice</li> <li><b>Persuasive Appeals:</b> Ethos, Pathos, Logos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lesson plan</li> <li>✓ Text-to-speech</li> <li>✓ Answer key</li> </ul>
<b>Drama</b> , pp. 12-17 <i>Prince Setna and the Book of Magic</i>	A thrilling play based on a myth from ancient Egypt	<b>Featured Skill:</b> theme CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, R.10, W.3, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	<b>Audio:</b> Vocabulary and pronunciation guide <b>Video:</b> Time Machine: Ancient Egypt <b>Slideshow:</b> What to Know About Ancient Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Writing Planner:</b> The Book of Magic</li> <li><b>Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b></li> <li><b>Choice Board</b></li> <li><b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions &amp; Practice</li> <li><b>Quiz*</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lesson plan</li> <li>✓ Text-to-speech</li> <li>✓ Answer key</li> </ul>
<b>Short Read</b> , pp. 18-19 "What Do These Creatures Have in Common?"	This bite-sized article explores how the hydra can regrow its own body parts—and what that could mean for humans.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	<b>Audio:</b> Story and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Short Write Kit</b></li> <li><b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions &amp; Practice</li> <li><b>Quiz*</b></li> <li><b>Core Skill:</b> Central Ideas and Details*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lesson plan</li> <li>✓ Text-to-speech</li> <li>✓ Answer key</li> </ul>
<b>Paired Texts</b> , pp. 20-26 "Anne Frank" and "It Is Raining on the House of Anne Frank"	The story of Anne Frank is paired with a poem by Linda Pastan about visiting the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> 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	<b>Audio:</b> Article, poem, and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> Behind the Scenes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Writing Planner:</b> Anne Frank</li> <li><b>Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b></li> <li><b>Video Discussion Questions</b></li> <li><b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions &amp; Practice</li> <li><b>Quiz*</b></li> <li><b>Poetry Analysis</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lesson plan</li> <li>✓ Text-to-speech</li> <li>✓ Lower Lexile</li> <li>✓ Answer key</li> </ul>
<b>Fiction</b> , pp. 27-31 "Facing Forever"	An unusual dog in an unusual place helps Nathan process his grief over the death of his grandfather.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	<b>Audio:</b> Story <b>Slideshow:</b> Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Writing Planner:</b> Nathan's Decision</li> <li><b>Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b></li> <li><b>Choice Board</b></li> <li><b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions</li> <li><b>Quiz*</b></li> <li><b>Core Skill:</b> Inference</li> <li><b>Context Clues Challenge</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lesson plan</li> <li>✓ Text-to-speech</li> <li>✓ Answer key</li> </ul>
<b>Root Power</b> , p. 32 "The Secret Files of Dr. Maliver"	In this delightful feature, students explore the Latin root <i>mal</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> vocabulary acquisition CCSS: R.4, L.4, L.6	<div>Print, project, or share digitally!</div>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Lesson plan</li> <li>✓ Text-to-speech</li> <li>✓ Answer key</li> </ul>

\*\* 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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## Meet Ezra Frech

We can't wait for your students to meet 17-year-old Paralympic star Ezra Frech in this issue's Beyond the Story video.



## Background Builder Slideshow

"What to Know About Ancient Egypt" makes the perfect pairing for our new play *Prince Setna and the Book of Magic*.



## It's Poetry Month!

Be sure to check out our showstopping collection of poems and poetry-related activities.



## Contest Deadline Alert!

Scope's contests are a wonderful way to get your students excited about writing—and winners get awesome prizes!

Entries for contests from this issue must be received by **May 15, 2023**.

For details: [scope.scholastic.com/contests](https://scope.scholastic.com/contests)

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