



Spotlight on:

SCAVENGER HUNTS!

Everything you and your students need to analyze arguments

Dear teachers,

Have you tried our Scavenger Hunts? They are a great way to practice analyzing arguments—and they come with a collection of fantastic support materials at Scope Online. Every Scavenger Hunt presents two essays that each argue one side of a debate. Your students' job is to analyze both essays and determine which author presents the stronger argument.

To get the most out of this feature, be sure to check out the support materials at Scope Online, including:

- An easy-to-use lesson plan
- A glossary of argument terms
- Vocabulary definitions and practice activity
- The Scavenger Hunt graphic organizer, available on two levels

I hope you'll try this feature in your classroom and tell me how it goes!

Warmly,
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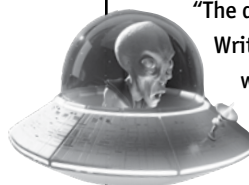
"This issue's play (p. 21) about a teen during the American Revolution is sure to inspire discussions about courage, legacy, and what it means to be underestimated."

—Jane Nussbaum, Executive Editor



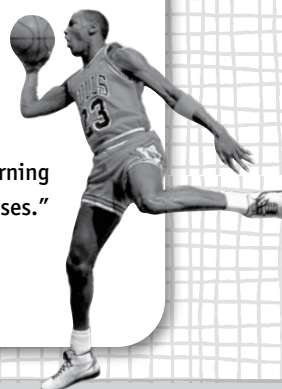
"The design of this issue's Write Like a Pro (p. 30), which features a classic alien in a flying saucer, is going to pull your students right in!"

—Jennifer Dignan, Senior Editor



"The paired texts (p. 11) about failure are so important—and full of helpful tips for turning setbacks into successes."

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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill-Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "When Lightning Meets Lava"	Students practice using commas and coordinating conjunctions while learning about volcanic lightning.	Featured Skills: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1, L.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comma or No Comma?: Anchor Chart and Practice Activity• In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 "Escape From Darkness"	This powerful article tells the incredible story of 13-year-old Leo Goldberger and his family, who fled Denmark in 1943 to escape the Nazis.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.2, SL.1, SL.2	Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Beyond the Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured Skill: Key Ideas and Details• Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions• Choice Board• Video Discussion Questions• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice• Quiz*• Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 11-15 "Secrets of a Slam Dunk Fail" and "How to Fail Like a Pro"	Two nonfiction texts explore the importance of failure and how it can lead to success.	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1	Audio: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured Skill: Synthesis• Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions• Choice Board• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice• Quiz*• Core Skill: Text Evidence*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate: Scavenger Hunt , pp. 16-17 "Should Phones Be Banned at Concerts?"	Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	Featured Skill: analyzing arguments CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, R.6, R.8, W.1, SL.1, SL.3	Audio: Debate and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scavenger Hunt*• Essay Kit• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice• Persuasive Appeals: Ethos, Pathos, Logos• Anchor Charts: Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Fiction In a Flash , pp. 18-20 "Gone Again"	A short story explores what life can be like for military families. The story is great for exploring dynamic character.	Featured Skill: character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.3, SL.1	Audio: Story Slideshow: Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured Skill: Character• Vocabulary: Definitions• Quiz*• Discussion Questions• Choice Board	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 21-26 <i>The Midnight Ride of Sybil Ludington</i>	This thrilling play is based on the legend of 16-year-old Sybil Ludington, who is said to have gone on a Paul Revere-like ride to raise the militia in 1777.	Featured Skill: summarizing CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1	Audio: Vocabulary Video: Virtual Field Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured Skill: Summarizing• Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions• Choice Board• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice• Choice Board• Quiz*• Core Skill: Inference	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Poem , p. 27 "Famous" by Naomi Shihab Nye	Students analyze a poem by Naomi Shihab Nye about a different kind of fame.	Featured Skill: analyzing poetry CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.4, W.5	Audio: Poem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poetry Analysis• Choice Board	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 28-29 "The Story of Adorable"	This bite-sized article explores how the hamster became a beloved pet in America.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2	Audio: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Short Write Kit• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice• Quiz*• Core Skill: Central Ideas & Details*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Write Like a Pro , pp. 30-31 "What Would You Say to an Alien?"	Students learn about coordinating conjunctions in this short article about a message being sent to space with the hope that it will one day reach an alien civilization.	Featured Skills: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1, L.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinating Conjunctions: Anchor Chart• In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Root Power , p. 32 "The Time Capsule"	Students learn about the Greek root <i>chron</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	Featured Skill: vocabulary acquisition CCSS: L.4	Audio: Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Root Power: <i>chron</i>	✓ 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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Interactive Poll

After reading the debate about whether phones should be banned at concerts, students can vote *yes* or *no*—and see how other students are voting.



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