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## Can We 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.

If you'd like a visit from Team *Scope*, drop us a line at [scopemag@scholastic.com](mailto:scopemag@scholastic.com), and we'll make it happen, either in person or virtually. You might even see a story idea from your class appear in an issue next year!

Looking forward to connecting,  
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### Let's Connect!

- Meet other *Scope* teachers in the *Scope* Community for Middle School ELA Teachers
- Email us at [scopemag@scholastic.com](mailto:scopemag@scholastic.com)

### Staff Picks

"The illustration for the short story 'Don't Break Tradition' (p. 27) is just as beautiful as the story itself."

—Albert Amigo, Art Director



"I can't wait for your class to read the article about the children who called Alcatraz Island home (p. 22).

And the poems that come

with it are great for compare and contrast."

—Adee Braun, Managing Editor



"The narrative nonfiction (p. 4) about London's Great Smog of 1952 is perfect for Earth Day. And don't miss the accompanying author's craft video!"

—Mackenzie Carro, Senior Editor



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what comes with your issue!

# Your April 2024 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 "The Tree That Grows Pasta"	Students practice using <i>accept</i> and <i>except</i> while learning about hilarious April Fools' Day pranks.	<b>Featured Skills:</b> grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1	<b>Video:</b> Grammar Hack: <i>Accept or Except?</i>	<b>• Accept or Except?:</b> Anchor Chart and Practice Activity <b>• In-Magazine Activity:</b> Interactive Version		✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Narrative Nonfiction</b> , pp. 4-9 "Killer Smog"	Author Lauren Tarshis tells the story of one of the deadliest environmental disasters in history: the Great Smog of 1952, which blanketed London for days and killed thousands.	<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, SL.2	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary <b>Slideshow:</b> Vocabulary <b>Video:</b> Behind the Scenes	<b>• Featured Skill:</b> Key Ideas and Details <b>• Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b> <b>• Choice Board</b> <b>• Video Discussion Questions</b>	<b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions <b>• Quiz*</b> <b>• Core Skills:</b> Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Evidence*, Text Structure*, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
<b>Debate: Scavenger Hunt</b> , pp. 10-12 "The Rise of AI"	Is AI good for society? Students analyze arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> analyzing arguments CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, R.6, R.8, W.1, SL.1, SL.3	<b>Audio:</b> Debate and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> What You Need to Know About AI	<b>• Scavenger Hunt*</b> <b>• Essay Kit</b> <b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice	<b>• Persuasive Appeals:</b> Ethos, Pathos, Logos <b>• Anchor Charts:</b> Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Drama</b> , pp. 13-19 <i>The Strange Case of the Musgrave Ritual</i>	A modern retelling of a classic Sherlock Holmes mystery is paired with a fascinating interview with a forensic scientist.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, W.3, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Vocabulary <b>Podcast:</b> The Sherlock Holmes Challenge	<b>• Featured Skill:</b> Character <b>• Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b>	<b>• Choice Board</b> <b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>• Quiz*</b>	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Short Read</b> , pp. 20-21 "When Dragons Swallowed the Sun"	This bite-sized article explores solar eclipses and how people explained them in ancient times.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> What You Need to Know About Solar Eclipses	<b>• The Short Write Kit</b> <b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice	<b>• Quiz*</b> <b>• Core Skill:</b> Central Ideas & Details*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Paired Texts</b> , pp. 22-26 "Growing Up on Alcatraz" and "The Isle of Alcatraz"	A fascinating nonfiction article about the kids who grew up on Alcatraz Island is paired with two poems about the island. Each poem is written from a different perspective.	<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	<b>Audio:</b> Article and poems <b>Video:</b> Beyond the Story	<b>• Featured Skill:</b> Synthesis <b>• Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b> <b>• Choice Board</b>	<b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>• Quiz*</b>	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Fiction</b> , pp. 27-31 "Don't Break Tradition"	This moving story is about a young girl coping with her mother's illness as her family celebrates Eid.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> theme CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Story <b>Slideshow:</b> Background Builder	<b>• Featured Skill:</b> Theme <b>• Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b>	<b>• Choice Board</b> <b>• Quiz*</b> <b>• Core Skill:</b> Inference	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Root Power</b> , p. 32 "The Rehearsal"	Students learn about the prefix <i>extra</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> vocabulary acquisition CCSS: L.4	<b>Audio:</b> Story	<b>• Root Power:</b> <i>extra</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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## Celebrate Poetry Month!

Don't miss our collection of some of our favorite poets reading their work aloud to your students.



## Nonfiction Video

Author Lauren Tarshis shares three key writing techniques she used to create her thrilling nonfiction story “Killer Smog.”



## Special Collection: Earth Day, Every Day

This robust collection is your one-stop shop for inspiring, knowledge-building stories your students will not soon forget.



## Connect!

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[facebook.com/groups/ScopeMag](https://facebook.com/groups/ScopeMag).



## 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 20, 2024**.

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