



Let's Dig In!

Dear teachers,

As I write this note to you, I am sitting in my office looking through the nearly finished November issue of *Scope*. It's July (we complete our issues months ahead), and I am dreaming of November, when everything turns cool and crisp and the pumpkins have arrived.

But what I am looking forward to far more than cooler temps is for this spectacular issue to arrive in your classrooms. It has so much for your students to explore—from a powerful story about the Navajo Code Talkers by Joseph Bruchac to a short article about the history of memes. (Warning: You might get nostalgic looking at LOLCats memes from the early 2000s. We certainly did!)

Be sure to go to Scope Online for the rich support materials that come with this issue, including a Behind the Scenes video with Bruchac, a fabulous Theme Anticipation Guide for the play *Olympians Rising*, and much more.

Wishing you and your students a supersweet fall,

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Staff Picks

"Code Talkers' (p. 4) by Joseph Bruchac will fascinate and inspire from the very first line."
—Jane Nussbaum,
Executive Editor



"Juan Carlos Ribas's illustrations for 'Follow the Water' (p. 25) fill me with awe. I think your students will be captivated too."
—Albert Amigo,
Art Director

"I love this issue's Root Power (p. 32), which focuses on the root *grat*. How perfect for Thanksgiving!"
—Mackenzie Carro,
Senior Editor



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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill-Building Activities		More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "Secrets of the Skulls"	Practice using <i>there</i> , <i>their</i> , and <i>they're</i> while learning about an artist who makes sugar skulls for Día de los Muertos.	Featured Skills: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>There, Their, or They're</i>	• There, Their, or They're?: Anchor Chart and Practice Activity • In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version		✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 "Code Talkers"	In this gripping nonfiction, author Joseph Bruchac tells the powerful story of the Navajo code talkers of World War II.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Behind the Scenes	• Featured Skill: Key Ideas and Details • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Video Discussion Questions • Choice Board	• Word Study • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure*, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 11-15 "Which Animal Is the Deadliest?" and "The Extraordinary Powers of the Tiny Mosquito"	A nonfiction article explores the war against mosquitoes and the deadly diseases they spread. An infographic about the role mosquitoes play in the environment follows the article.	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article, infographic, and vocabulary	• Featured Skill: Synthesis • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Choice Board	• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skill: Text Evidence*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 16-17 "The Rise of the Meme"	This bite-sized article explores the cultural phenomenon of memes and what we can learn from them.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary Slideshow: Vocabulary	• The Short Write Kit • Vocabulary: Definitions	• Quiz* • Core Skill: Central Ideas and Details*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate: Essay Kit , pp. 18-19 "Do You Need Recess?"	In busy school schedules, recess takes a back seat. Should this be changed? Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	Featured Skill: argument writing CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.8, W.1, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary	• Essay Kit • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice	• Persuasive Appeals: Ethos, Pathos, Logos • Anchor Charts: Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 20-24 <i>Olympians Rising</i>	Students will love performing this thrilling play based on the Greek myth of the Olympians' defeat of the Titans.	Featured Skill: theme CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Vocabulary and pronunciation guide Video: Into the World of Greek Mythology	• Featured Skill: Theme • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Theme Anticipation Guide • Pronunciation Guide	• Choice Board • Genre Explorations • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Fiction , pp. 25-31 "Follow the Water"	Georgie, 15, lives on Mars with her parents. Now she must decide how much she is willing to risk to see her ailing grandmother back on Earth.	Featured Skill: character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.9, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story and vocabulary Slideshow: What It Would Take to Live on Mars Podcast: The Race to Mars	• Featured Skill: Character • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Choice Board	• Genre Explorations • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* • Core Skill: Inference	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Root Power , p. 32 "Lost in the Corn Maze"	Learn about the Latin root <i>grat</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	Featured Skill: vocabulary acquisition CCSS: L.4	Audio: Story	• Root Power: <i>grat</i>		✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key

** 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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Behind the Scenes

Author Joseph Bruchac takes students behind the scenes of his powerful article about the Navajo code talkers of World War II.



Slideshow

This fascinating slideshow explores what it would really take to live on Mars. It's the perfect companion to this issue's fiction, "Follow the Water."



Mythology Video

"Into the World of Greek Mythology" is delightful and knowledge-building. We recommend watching with your class before diving into this issue's play, *Olympians Rising*.



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