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As you've probably discovered, *Scope* is much more than a print magazine. Your subscription also includes a robust archive of stories, articles, and videos at Scope Online. We've organized these materials into a series of Special Collections—multi-genre text sets centered on a theme or topic. Here are three of my favorites.

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Wishing you a wonderful holiday break,
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Staff Picks

"This issue's play (p. 12) about the Apollo 13 mission will teach your students about an incredible moment in NASA's history—and keep them on the edge of their seats!"

—Jennifer Dignan, Senior Editor



"I can't wait for your students to read Joseph Elliott's 'The Owl' (p. 28). This quiet story is full of heart."

—Adee Braun,
Managing Editor



"Who wouldn't want to read about a 5,700-year-old wad of prehistoric gum (p. 26)? Learning about the Neolithic period couldn't be more fun!"

—Lauren Salisbury, Education Editor



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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill-Building Activities		More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 “What Happens When You Sneeze?”	Practice using plurals and possessives while learning about why we sneeze.	Featured Skills: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1, L.2	Video: Grammar Hack: Do You Need That Apostrophe?	Polish Your Possessives: Anchor Chart and Practice Activity In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key	
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 “This Is the End of the World”	In this riveting nonfiction, author Lauren Tarshis tells the story of the most powerful earthquake in U.S. history: the Great Alaska Earthquake of 1964.	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: Behind the Scenes Slideshow: What to Know About Alaska	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, Text Structure*, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key	
Root Power , p. 11 “The Mysterious Manuscript”	Students learn about the Latin roots <i>script</i> and <i>scrib</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	Featured Skill: vocabulary acquisition CCSS: L.4	Audio: Story	Root Power: <i>script</i> and <i>scrib</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key	
Drama , pp. 12-18 <i>Stranded in Space</i>	A thrilling drama based on the Apollo 13 mission	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 Slideshow: Going Back to the Moon	Featured Skill: Theme Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key	
Poem , p. 19 “My Apologies”	Students read a super sweet poem by Jennifer Dignan and then use it as a model to write their own.	Featured Skill: analyzing and writing poetry CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.4, W.5	Audio: Poem	Poetry Analysis Poetry Planner	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key	
Paired Texts , pp. 20-23 “The Incredible Pangolin Rescue” and “The Amazing Pangolin”	An article and an infographic explore pangolins and what is being done to help save them from extinction.	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, SL.4	Audio: Article 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	
Debate: Scavenger Hunt , pp. 24-25 “Should Artifacts Be Taken From the Titanic?”	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 Slideshow: Vocabulary	Scavenger Hunt* Essay Kit Vocabulary: Definitions Persuasive Appeals: Ethos, Pathos, Logos Anchor Charts: Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key	
Short Read , pp. 26-27 “Secrets of the Ancient Gum”	This bite-sized article explains how a 6,000-year-old piece of gum has given scientists a glimpse into the past.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2, SL.1, SL.2	Audio: Article and vocabulary	The Short Write Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skill: Central Ideas & Details*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key	
Fiction In a Flash , pp. 28-29 “The Owl”	A child meets a mysterious owl after losing his grandfather. This moving short story is great for making inferences.	Featured Skill: inference CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.3, SL.1	Audio: Story and vocabulary	Featured Skill: Inference Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Narrative Planner Discussion Questions Choice Board	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key	
Write Like a Pro , pp. 30-31 “Saving the Night Sky”	Students learn about capitalization in this short article about light pollution.	Featured Skills: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.2	Print, project, or share digitally!	Capitalization: Anchor Chart In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key	
Infographic , p. 32 “The Sticky Story of Gum”	Students use our infographic about gum as a model to create their own “story of” infographic—about chocolate.	Featured Skill: visual literacy CCSS: R.1, R.7, W.2, W.7		Writing Planner	✓ 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.

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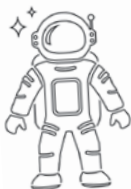
Interactive Poll

After reading the debate about whether we should take artifacts from the *Titanic*, students can vote yes or no—and see how other students are voting.



Behind the Scenes

Author Lauren Tarshis takes your students behind the scenes of her gripping article about the Great Alaska Earthquake of 1964.



Special Collection: The Wonders of Space

After reading this issue's play about Apollo 13, dig into the past, present, and future of space exploration with our wonderful multi-genre collection.



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Entries for contests from this issue must be received by **February 19, 2024**.

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