



**DON'T MISS THIS!**

# A Special Video

*Dear teachers,*

As you know, one of our goals here at *Scope* is to create not only vivid, engaging stories that your students will be excited to read but also important ones that build background knowledge, opening up their worlds. That's why I am so thrilled for your students to read this month's nonfiction feature, "Spy of the American Revolution." It's a riveting story about James Lafayette, an enslaved man from Virginia whose daring efforts as a spy helped America win its independence.

This past June, I had the pleasure of taking a trip to Virginia to speak to the historical interpreter who portrays James at Colonial Williamsburg. His name is Stephen Seals, and your students will get the chance to meet him in our fascinating video, "Bringing History to Life: Hero of the American Revolution." In the video, Seals talks about the extensive research he has done on James over the years and why it's so important to continue to tell James's story.

I can't wait for your students to dig in to both the article and this special video. I'd love to hear how these go in your classroom—send me a note anytime!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,  
Mackenzie



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### Staff Picks

"The Fiction in a Flash, 'To the Top' (p. 20) is perfect for exploring point of view. Introverted students in particular are sure to connect with Jillian, the main character."  
—Lauren Salisbury,  
Education Editor

"The paired texts on the axolotl (p. 11) weave together science and history in an engaging, accessible way. Lots to explore with this one!"  
—Adee Braun,  
Managing Editor



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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill-Building Activities	More Resources
<b>Grammar</b> , pp. 2-3 "Name That Brand!"	Students practice using <i>imply</i> and <i>infer</i> while learning about the strange and funny stories behind brand names.	<b>Featured Skills:</b> grammar, usage, and mechanics <b>CCSS:</b> L.1	<b>Video:</b> Grammar Hack: <i>Imply or Infer?</i>	<b>Implied or Inferred?:</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. 4-10 "Spy of the American Revolution"	This is the incredible true story of James Lafayette, a spy who helped the Continental Army win the American Revolution.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> key ideas and details <b>CCSS:</b> 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>Video:</b> Bringing History to Life: Hero of the American Revolution	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Key Ideas and Details <b>Discussion Questions</b> <b>Choice Board</b> <b>Video Discussion Questions</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Quiz*</b> <b>Core Skills:</b> Summarizing*, Text Features, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
<b>Paired Texts</b> , pp. 11-16 "Ancient. Adored Endangered." and "All About Axolotls"	An article about the adorable but endangered axolotl is paired with an infographic about this fascinating creature.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> synthesis <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, SL.2	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> Mexico City and Its Ancient Salamanders	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Synthesis <b>Discussion Questions</b> <b>Choice Board</b> <b>Video Discussion Questions</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Quiz*</b> <b>Core Skill:</b> Text Structures*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Root Power</b> , p. 17 "The Treatment"	Students learn about the roots <i>dic</i> and <i>dict</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> vocabulary acquisition <b>CCSS:</b> L.4	<b>Audio:</b> Story	<b>Root Power:</b> <i>dic</i> and <i>dict</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Short Read</b> , pp. 18-19 "Voting in the Wild"	This bite-sized article explores how some wild animals "vote" to make group decisions.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> constructed response <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary	<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>Fiction In a Flash</b> , pp. 20-21 "To the Top"	Two friends find themselves stuck on a rollercoaster. The story is great for exploring first-person point of view.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> point of view <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.3, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Story and vocabulary	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Point of View <b>Discussion Questions</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Choice Board</b>	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Play</b> , pp. 22-27 <i>A Treacherous Journey Across the Ice</i>	This historical play tells the story of the group of sleddogs and their drivers who raced to save Nome, Alaska from a diphtheria outbreak in 1925.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> key ideas and details <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Vocabulary	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Key Ideas and Details <b>Discussion Questions</b> <b>Choice Board</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Quiz*</b> <b>Core Skill:</b> Inference	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Debate: Essay Kit</b> , pp. 28-29 "Are Pro Athletes Overpaid?"	Do professional athletes get paid too much or just enough? Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> argument writing <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.8, W.1, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary	<b>Essay Kit</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Anchor Charts:</b> Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Write Like a Pro</b> , pp. 30-31 "Enter If You Dare!"	This short article about a dazzling cave in Mexico provides a lesson in using coordinate and non-coordinate adjectives.	<b>Featured Skills:</b> grammar, usage, and mechanics <b>CCSS:</b> L.3	Print, project, or share digitally!	<b>Coordinate and Non-Coordinate Adjectives:</b> Anchor Chart and Practice Activity <b>In-Magazine Activity:</b> Interactive Version	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Poem</b> , p. 32 "Every Day" by Naomi Shihab Nye	After reading this lovely poem about celebrating everyday moments, students write their own poems.	<b>Featured Skills:</b> analyzing and writing poetry <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.4, W.4, W.5		<b>Poetry Analysis</b> <b>Poetry Planner</b>	✓ 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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## Bringing History to Life

Watch this fascinating Q&A with Stephen Seals, a historical interpreter at Colonial Williamsburg who portrays James Lafayette, the protagonist of the nonfiction “Spy of the American Revolution.”



## Take a Poll!

After reading the debate about whether professional athletes are overpaid, students can vote yes or no—and see how other students are voting.



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