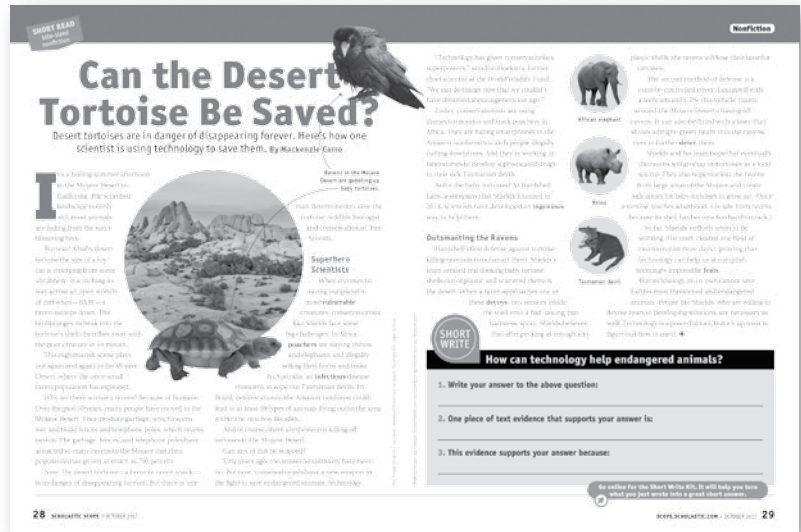


Short Read

How to use this constructed-response activity in your classroom

The Short Read is a fascinating informational text that can be done in just one period. Similar to what students will encounter on standardized tests, it's perfect practice for constructed-response questions.



Step-By-Step Lesson Plan

For use with any Short Read in *Scope*

1 Preparing to Read

Project the **Words and Definitions** handout and preview the vocabulary.

2 Reading and Discussing

Read the article as a class. Alternatively, you can play the audio version while students follow along in their printed issues.

3 Doing the Activity

Have students work in small groups to complete the activity at the end of the article. They will write a claim, find a piece of text evidence, and explain why that evidence supports their claim.

PLUS!

Each Short Read comes with a quiz on two levels as well as audio recordings of the article and the vocabulary words and definitions.

4 Writing

- To go deeper, use the **Short Write Kit** at *Scope Online*. First, project the **How to Answer a Constructed-Response Question** handout and review it as a class. Then have students work on their own or in groups to complete the self-guided writing activity **Constructing a Response**.
- Have students use their completed activities to craft their own constructed responses.

Common Core ELA Anchor Standards:

R.1, R.2, R.4, R.6, W.1, W.4, W.5, L.4, L.6

For more standards info, including TEKS, go to *Scope Online*.

Go to scope.scholastic.com to find all of the support materials mentioned above.