



It's Going to Be a Great Year!

Dear teachers,

We're so delighted to be back with you in your classrooms. Over the past few months, our team has been cooking up brand-new stories, videos, and activities, which we can't wait for you and your students to dig into. Our mission, as it has always been, is to deliver rich stories that fascinate your students, build knowledge and vocabulary, and inspire a deep love of reading and learning.

For this first issue, we're especially thrilled to share

Lauren Tarshis's captivating nonfiction article about the deadliest avalanche in U.S. history (pp. 4-10). It's packed with powerful sensory language—and rich connections to American history. Be sure to check out the lesson plan at Scope Online for ideas on how to use this showstopping story.

It's an honor to be in your classrooms and to support you and your students on the exciting learning journeys ahead!

Warmly,

Kristin Lewis and the *Scope* team



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Staff Picks

"Our play about Odysseus (pp. 26-31) has all the ingredients for a thrilling classroom event!"
—Lauren Salisbury,
Education Editor

"Your students will love meeting the kids who invented a device to tackle the problem of space junk (pp. 24-25). Their prototype will be sent into space!"
—Adee Braun,
Managing Editor

"'By Myself' (p. 32) is a perfect poem to start the year—and it's sure to inspire wonderful poetry from your students."
—Mackenzie Carro,
Senior Editor

Don't miss our special live event with Lauren Tarshis in September!
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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "Don't Touch That Water!"	Students practice using <i>there</i> , <i>their</i> , and <i>they're</i> while learning about a poisonous lake.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>There or Their or They're?</i>	More practice with <i>there</i> , <i>their</i> , and <i>they're</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 "White Death in the Cascades"	This gripping work of nonfiction tells the harrowing story of the deadliest avalanche in U.S. history. The story also dives into the history of train travel in America.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.2, W.4, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary	Writing Planner: The Wellington Disaster Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Sensory Details Scavenger Hunt Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure*, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Fiction , pp. 11-17 "Fancy Dancer"	In this heartwarming story by Monique Gray Smith, a boy finds new confidence as he connects to his Cree culture.	Featured Skill: character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, W.3, W.9, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story and vocabulary Video: Beyond the Story	Writing Planner: Rory's Letter Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Video Discussion Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skill: Inference	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 18-21 "Jeans Nation" and "Rise of the Backpack"	Two nonfiction texts explore the history of two iconic items: jeans and backpacks.	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, W.4, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Articles Vocabulary Slideshow	Writing Planner: The Mother of Invention Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions Quiz* Core Skill: Text Evidence*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Answer key
Debate: Scavenger Hunt , pp. 22-23 "Should Andre Be a Social Media Star?"	Andre wants to launch his cooking career on social media. His mom doesn't think it's a good idea. Who makes the stronger argument?	Featured Skill: analyzing arguments CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, R.6, R.8, W.1, W.4, W.5, SL.1, L.4, L.6	Audio: Debate and vocabulary	Scavenger Hunt* Essay Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 24-25 "The Problem with Space Junk"	In this bite-sized article, students explore the problem of space junk and how it might be solved.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.4, W.5, L.4, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary Slideshow: Background Builder	The Short Write Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skill: Central Ideas and Details*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 26-31 <i>The Odyssey</i>	Students will love performing this action-packed play based on <i>The Odyssey</i> .	Featured Skill: inference CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.10, W.2, W.4, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	Audio: Vocabulary and pronunciation guide Video: Greek Mythology Slideshow: 9 Things to Know About <i>The Odyssey</i> Slideshow: Mythology in Modern Language	Writing Planner: Odysseus Returns to Ithaca Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Pronunciation Guide Theme Anticipation Guide Genre Explorations: Greek Mythology Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Poem , p. 32 "By Myself"	Students read and analyze a poem by Eloise Greenfield. Then they use the poem as a model to write their own.	Featured Skills: analyzing and writing poetry CCSS: R.10, W.4	Audio: Poem	Poetry Analysis Poetry Planner Choice Board	✓ 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.

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Entries for contests from this issue must be received by **October 17**.
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