



# STORYWORKS®

September 2024

## Digital Resource Guide

# Welcome Back!



Dear Teachers,

The whole *Storyworks* team is thrilled to start this school year with you! Here are two simple to-dos so you can hit the ground running with your subscription.



✓ **Register at *Storyworks Digital*** to access showstopping videos, robust skill-building activities, step-by-step lesson plans, and more.

- Go to [storyworks.scholastic.com](https://storyworks.scholastic.com).
- Log in or create an account.
- Follow the prompts to confirm your subscription. Enter your access code.

✓ **Plan ahead** with our editorial calendar, pacing guide, and helpful how-to videos, all at *Storyworks Digital*.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us anytime. We'd love to help!

Warmly,



Alessandra Potenza and the whole *Storyworks* team  
Editor, Editorial and Digital Strategy  
[apotenza@scholastic.com](mailto:apotenza@scholastic.com)



### DETAILS ABOUT THIS ISSUE'S CONTESTS\*

Entries must be written by a student in grades 2-8 and must be submitted by a teacher, parent, or legal guardian of the student. Entries submitted by someone under 18 will be deleted and disqualified.

Entries must be sent by November 1, 2024.

**MAIL TO:**  
(Name of contest)  
c/o Scholastic *Storyworks*  
130 Mercer St.  
4th Floor  
New York, NY 10012

**OR EMAIL TO:**  
[storyworks\\_contest@scholastic.com](mailto:storyworks_contest@scholastic.com)

For official rules and contest entry forms, go to [storyworks.scholastic.com/contests](https://storyworks.scholastic.com/contests).

\*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open to legal residents of the U.S. age 18 or older, who are the teacher, parent, or legal guardian of students in grades 2-8. Void where prohibited.

**POSTAL INFORMATION:** STORYWORKS (ISSN 1068-0292) is published monthly: Sep and Feb; bimonthly: Oct/Nov, Dec/Jan, Mar/Apr, May/June by Scholastic Inc., 2931 East McCarty St, Jefferson City, MO 65101-4468. Periodical postage paid at Jefferson City, MO 65102-3710 and at additional mailing offices. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to: STORYWORKS, 2931 East McCarty St, Jefferson City, MO 65102-3710. **PUBLISHING INFORMATION:** Copyright ©2024 by Scholastic Inc. SCHOLASTIC, STORYWORKS, and associated logos are trademarks and/or registered trademarks of Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved. Materials in this issue may not be reproduced in whole or in part in any form or format without special permission from the publisher. Printed in the U.S.A.



See what you get!

# Your September 2024 Issue at a Glance

Go to **Storyworks Digital** at [storyworks.scholastic.com](https://storyworks.scholastic.com) and register to access all your resources.

More Online Resources

Differentiated Articles Lesson Plan

Articles	Summary	Multimedia	Skill-Building Activities	Skills & Standards	Differentiated Articles	Lesson Plan
<b>MINI READ</b> The Blob That Lives Forever Pages 2-3	Do animals like the immortal jellyfish hold the secret to everlasting human life?	<b>Audio Read-Aloud</b> <b>Video:</b> "All About Jellyfish"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paragraph Power</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>NEW! Knowledge Journal</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Vocabulary <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, W.2, L.4, L.5	✓	
<b>NONFICTION</b> Day of Doom Pages 4-9	Travel back in time to the worldwide disaster that ended the age of the dinosaurs and changed life on our planet forever.	<b>Immersive Read-Aloud</b> (music & sound effects) <b>Video:</b> "Beyond the Story: Day of Doom" <b>Slideshows:</b> Vocabulary, Text Features <b>Game:</b> Know the Words <b>Learning Journey Slide Deck:</b> Customize & share!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEW! Anticipation Guide</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Close Reading and Critical Thinking*</li> <li>Cause and Effect*</li> <li>Summarizing*</li> <li>Text Features</li> <li>Nonfiction Elements</li> <li>MLL Questions</li> <li>Research Kit</li> <li>Sentence Writing</li> <li>NEW! Knowledge Journal</li> <li>Comp. Quiz*</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Cause and Effect <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, R.8, W.2, W.7, SL.1, SL.2, L.6	✓	✓
<b>FICTION</b> Learning to Fly Pages 10-14	All Shayan wants is to be a skateboard champion like Jackson. Or at least he thinks he does.	<b>Audio Read-Aloud</b> <b>Video:</b> "Author Visit: Meet Hena Khan" <b>Learning Journey Slide Deck:</b> Customize & share!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Close Reading and Critical Thinking</li> <li>How a Character Changes*</li> <li>NEW! Conversation Sparker</li> <li>Choice Board</li> <li>Fiction Elements</li> <li>Comp. Quiz*</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> How a Character Changes <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.8, W.3, SL.1, SL.2, L.4		✓
<b>PAIRED TEXTS</b> A Wildfire Changed My Life/ Maui Strong Pages 16-20	The gripping story of a 12-year-old girl who survived the Maui wildfires, paired with an article about kids who stepped up to help with the recovery	<b>Audio Read-Aloud</b> <b>Video:</b> "Wildfires Around the World"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Close Reading and Critical Thinking*</li> <li>Connecting Texts*</li> <li>Collaboration Choice Board</li> <li>MLL Questions</li> <li>NEW! Summary Revision</li> <li>NEW! Knowledge Journal</li> <li>Comp. Quiz*</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Connecting Texts <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.4, R.5, R.7, R.9, W.1, SL.1, SL.2, L.6	✓	✓
<b>POEM</b> Dinosaurs Walked Here Page 21	A delightful poem that connects perfectly to our narrative nonfiction	<b>Audio Read-Aloud</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poetry Kit</li> <li>Comprehension Quiz</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Setting <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.5, R.6, SL.1, SL.2, L.4		✓
<b>PLAY</b> The Mighty Hercules Pages 22-27	In this funny retelling of the classic Greek myth, Hercules discovers what it means to be a true hero.	<b>Audio Read-Aloud</b> <b>Video:</b> "Into the World of Greek Mythology" <b>Slideshows:</b> Dig Deeper, Vocabulary <b>Game:</b> Know the Words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEW! Vocabulary Choice Board</li> <li>Close Reading and Critical Thinking*</li> <li>Character*</li> <li>Comp. Quiz*</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Character <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.7, W.3, SL.1, SL.2, L.6		✓
<b>DEBATE</b> Should Fossils Be for Sale? Pages 28-29	Who should be allowed to own fossils like rare dinosaur bones?	<b>Audio Read-Aloud</b> <b>Video:</b> "What Are Fossils?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opinion Writing Kit*</li> <li>NEW! Discussion Anchor Chart</li> <li>Comprehension Quiz</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Supporting an Opinion <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.5, R.8, W.1, SL.1, SL.2	✓	✓
<b>VOCAB LAB</b> One Word, 3 Ways/ Root Power! Pages 30-31	Learn multiple-meaning words and Greek and Latin roots.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Your Own Comic!</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Vocabulary <b>CCSS:</b> L.4, L.5, L.6		
<b>INFOGRAPHIC</b> Ready, Set . . . Breathe! Page 32	All about meditation, plus tips for how to try this relaxing activity	<b>Video:</b> "Mindful Moment"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guided Writing Activity</li> </ul>	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Main Idea and Supporting Details <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.7, W.3		✓

Shutterstock (all images)

# What will you find at Storyworks Digital?

Explore all this and MORE at [storyworks.scholastic.com](https://storyworks.scholastic.com)

## Step-by-Step Lesson Plans

Get close-reading and critical-thinking questions, differentiation tips, and literature connections, plus reading levels and standards.

## Dazzling Videos

Build background knowledge and meet the authors of our stories with our amazing videos—a teacher favorite for prereading engagement.

## Skill-Building Activities

Our brain-building activities target key ELA skills, while print and digital quizzes mirror rigorous standardized test questions.

## Audio Read-Alouds

All our stories are read aloud by a *Storyworks* writer to model fluent reading and expression. One read-aloud per issue features music and sound effects for extra engagement!

## Writing Support

Our engaging tool kits guide students through writing informational paragraphs and essays, opinion essays, poetry, and more.

**NEW!**

## Vocabulary Game

Explore word meanings, synonyms and antonyms, and morphology in our new super-fun online game.

## Join Our Storyworks Community!

Harness the power of other *Storyworks* teachers by joining our Facebook group at [facebook.com/groups/storyworks](https://facebook.com/groups/storyworks).

