

## NARRATIVE NONFICTION

### ▶ THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS

In this dual narrative, students meet a woman accused of witchcraft—and the middle schoolers who cleared her name four centuries later.

### ▶ DONNER PARTY

The fascinating true story of the men, women, and children who traveled from Missouri to California in 1846, only to become stranded in the mountains during a brutal winter.

### ▶ PEDRO PAN

In the early 1960s, 14,000 children and teens were sent from Cuba to Miami. This is the story of one teen who made the journey.

### ▶ SURVIVING THE LAHAINA WILDFIRE

This is an incredible story of loss and hope in Lahaina, which was decimated by fire last August.

### ▶ SPY OF THE REVOLUTION

Meet James Lafayette, an enslaved man who worked as a double agent during the American Revolution.

### ▶ THE PEA ISLAND SURFMEN

After the Civil War, an all-Black crew in the Outer Banks, North Carolina, would become the most daring rescue unit in the country.

## PAIRED TEXTS

### ▶ THE HISTORY OF MONEY

A middle-school friendly look at the history of money and the rise of cryptocurrency

### ▶ YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Compare and contrast Beethoven with a video-game composer today.

### ▶ GROWING UP IN THE AGE OF AI

Students will explore big questions around technology and ethics through a fascinating article about AI, a myth, and a short story.

### ▶ SECRETS OF SASQUATCH

Explore the myth of the famous hairy-giant man-creature and his role in indigenous culture and history.

## PLAYS

### ▶ THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER

Based on Edgar Allan Poe's classic short story

### ▶ THE SPIDER CURSE

Based on the Greek myth of Arachne and Athena

### ▶ MULAN

Travel to ancient China and meet the brave teen who went to war to protect her father.

### ▶ PEACEMAKER

The story of the founding of the Iroquois Confederacy, which influenced the U.S. Constitution

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**PLUS,**  
**in every issue**

- **DEBATES** on topics that resonate with middle schoolers
- **SHORT READS** that are rigorous and fascinating—and short enough to do in one period
- **GRAMMAR AND WRITING ACTIVITIES** to help your students grow
- **GREEK AND LATIN ROOTS** in an engaging graphic-novel style format
- **FICTION** that is rich, meaningful, and perfectly calibrated to middle schoolers