



Important News!

A simple back-to-school checklist
for a great year with *Scope*

Dear teachers,

We couldn't be more excited to start a new school year with you! As you prepare to welcome your new students to your classroom, be sure to follow the simple steps below to get ready for a great year with *Scope*.

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Warmly,
The *Scope* Team

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- 📍 Connect with other teachers in the *Scope* Community for Middle School ELA Teachers
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Staff Picks

"Janet Wong's 'Campfire' (p. 26) combines drama and humor for a delightful poem that's sure to inspire your students as they write their own poems about a summer memory."
—Jennifer Dignan,
Senior Editor



"I love the writing prompt in the powerful nonfiction about the Maui wildfires (p. 4). It challenges students to write about the power of community in the face of devastation."
—Adee Braun, Managing Editor

"This issue's sci-fi Fiction In a Flash (p. 12) might be one of my all-time favorites. And it's perfect for exploring dialogue!"
—Mackenzie Carro,
Senior Editor



Your September 2024 Issue at a Glance

To get your online resources, you will need to register at scope.scholastic.com.

Find your lesson plans at Scope Online!

Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill-Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "The Science of Awwww"	Students practice using <i>a</i> and <i>an</i> while learning about how people's brains are wired to fall for cuteness.	Featured Skills: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>A or An?</i>	A or An?: Anchor Chart and Practice Activity In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-9 "Rising From the Ashes"	In the summer of 2023, the island of Maui suffered the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than a century. This is the story of how 12-year-old Kini Varona survived.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.2, SL.1, SL.2	Audio: Article Slideshow: Vocabulary	Featured Skill: Key Ideas and Details Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions Quiz* Core Skills: Summarizing*, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 10-11 "Is TikTok Going Away?"	This bite-sized article explores why the popular social media app could be banned in the United States.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2	Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Free Speech—and Its Limits	The Short Write Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skill: Central Ideas & Details	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Fiction In a Flash , pp. 12-14 "The New Girl"	The new girl at school is about to change Angela's life forever. The story is perfect for exploring dialogue.	Featured Skill: dialogue CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.3, SL.1, L.2	Audio: Story and vocabulary	Featured Skill: Literary Elements: Dialogue Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Choice Board Core Skill: Inference	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 15-20 "The Doomed Quest"	In this exciting play based on <i>The Epic of Gilgamesh</i> , a king sets out to become immortal.	Featured Skill: theme CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1	Audio: Vocabulary and pronunciation guide Video: Beyond the Story Podcast: The Search for Immortality	Featured Skill: Theme Theme Anticipation Guide Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Video Discussion Questions Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 21-25 "Jellyfish Invasion!" and "Would You Eat This Pizza?"	Trillions of jellyfish are taking over our oceans. Can they be stopped? Two nonfiction texts explore the problem and one possible solution.	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.4, SL.1	Audio: Articles and vocabulary	Featured Skill: Synthesis Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skills: Text Features, Text Structure*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Poem , pp. 26-27 "Campfire" and "The Story Behind the Poem"	A heartwarming poem by Janet Wong is followed by a short bio about the poet.	Featured Skill: analyzing poetry CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.4, W.5	Audio: Poem Video: Poem Read-Aloud	Poetry Analysis Poetry Planner	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate: Essay Kit , pp. 28-29 "Should You Nap at School?"	Kids aren't getting enough sleep. Are naps at school the solution? Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	Featured Skill: argument writing CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.8, W.1, SL.1, SL.4	Audio: Article and vocabulary	Essay Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Anchor Charts: Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Write Like a Pro , pp. 30-31 "Blob Attack!"	This short article about mysterious gobs of goo in Oakville, Washington, provides a lesson in using strong verbs.	Featured Skills: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.3		Strong Verbs: Anchor Chart and Practice Activity In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Root Power , p. 32 "Return of the Astral Queen"	Students learn about the root <i>astr</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	Featured Skill: vocabulary acquisition CCSS: L.4	Audio: Story	Root Power: <i>astr</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key

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** 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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Poetry Read-Aloud

Watch poet Janet Wong read her delightful poem “Campfire.”



Handy Handout

This issue’s Fiction In a Flash is perfect for exploring dialogue. Before reading the story, check out the skill-building activity that’s all about punctuating dialogue.



Sneak Peek

Get an exclusive look at what you’ll find in the pages of *Scope* this fall.



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