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Turn the page for a full list of this issue's teaching packages. And be sure to activate your digital subscription for access to our archives and other curated resources. As you get settled into this school year, we would love your feedback on what you'd like to see more of and how we can best support you. Please reach out anytime.

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






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<p><b>Secrets of the Warrior King</b>, pp. 6-9</p> <p><b>WORLD HISTORY</b> Qin Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of China, built one of the world's most powerful armies to unite seven independent states into one mighty empire in 221 B.C. Concepts include ancient China, empires, war, currency, culture, economies, the Great Wall of China, ancient burial customs, archaeology, and terra-cotta warriors. A map shows present-day China, along with the seven ancient states that Qin united, and questions provide practice using direction and distance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue Scavenger Hunt</li><li>• Words to Know</li><li>• Close-Reading Questions</li><li>• Primary Source: Analyze Images</li><li>• Quiz Wizard</li></ul>
<p><b>Would You Pay \$4,275 to See Your Favorite Singer?</b>, pp. 10-13</p> <p><b>U.S. NEWS/ECONOMICS</b> Why has getting concert tickets become nearly impossible for many fans? Explore some of the key economic concepts at play and learn what lawmakers are doing to address the challenges. Concepts include supply and demand, monopolies, ticket sellers, technology, the pandemic, resale markets, fees, and Congress. A bar graph shows how average concert ticket prices have changed since 2002, and a sidebar compares how tickets are purchased now with how they were bought in the past.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue Scavenger Hunt</li><li>• Words to Know</li><li>• Close-Reading Questions</li><li>• Central Ideas: Heading Hashtags</li><li>• Know the News</li><li>• Quiz Wizard</li></ul>
<p><b>Teen of the Revolution</b>, pp. 14-18</p> <p><b>U.S. HISTORY</b> On December 16, 1773, 15-year-old Joshua Wyeth joined in what became known as the Boston Tea Party, an act of rebellion that helped spark the American Revolution. Concepts include the 13 Colonies, Great Britain, the French and Indian War, taxation, boycotts, the Tea Act, the Coercive Acts, the First Continental Congress, Samuel Adams, and John Hancock. A map shows the 13 Colonies, and an excerpt from a 1770 speech by British Prime Minister Lord North illuminates a perspective from Britain.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue Scavenger Hunt</li><li>• Words to Know</li><li>• Close-Reading Questions</li><li>• Map Reading: The 13 Colonies in 1773</li><li>• Know the News</li><li>• Quiz Wizard</li></ul>
<p><b>Can You Spot the Fakes?</b>, pp. 19-21</p> <p><b>MEDIA LITERACY</b> As misleading videos are on the rise, learn strategies to keep from being fooled. Concepts include TikTok, social media, manipulation, artificial intelligence, deepfakes, the war in Ukraine, emotions, and sources. Screenshots provide examples of real and fake videos, with clues for telling the difference.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issue Scavenger Hunt</li><li>• Words to Know</li><li>• Take Note!</li><li>• Know the News</li><li>• Quiz Wizard</li></ul>
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