



Your Back-to-School Checklist

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Dear teachers,

It's that time of year! The notebooks are new. The posters are hung on the walls. And you're ready for your students to arrive in your classroom. Here at *Scope*, we couldn't be more excited to start the year with you. Here are three simple to-dos so you can hit the ground running with your subscription.

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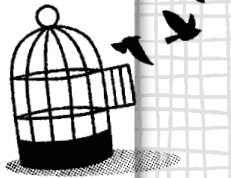
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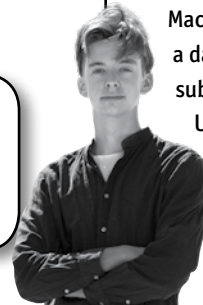
Staff Picks

Jason Reynolds's "First-Day Fly" (p. 26) is packed with delightful figurative language. It's also full of humor and features a main character who—like so many kids—has a lot of feelings about the first day of school. —Jennifer Dignan, Senior Editor

Joyce Sidman's poem "A List of Things That Will Set You Free" (p. 20) might appear simple, but it offers profound life advice for students. —Jane Nussbaum, Executive Editor



In "Finding Hope in a Time of War" (p. 4), Mackenzie Carro takes a dark and complex subject—the war in Ukraine—and makes it accessible, human, and hopeful. —Lauren Salisbury, Education Editor



Your September 2023 Issue at a Glance

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

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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "The Power of Stink"	Practice subject-verb agreement in this delightfully gross story about how animals use stink for self-defense.	Featured Skill: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1	Slideshow: Identifying Subjects and Verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject-Verb Agreement: Anchor Chart and Practice Activity In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-9 "Finding Hope in a Time of War"	The powerful story of Igor Klymenko, a teen from Ukraine who created a drone to detect land mines	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Beyond the Story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Featured Skill: Key Ideas and Details Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Video Discussion Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Nonfiction Elements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Debate: Essay Kit , pp. 10-11 "Is It OK to Be Rude to Alexa?"	Should we be polite to voice assistants? 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, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Persuasive Appeals: Ethos, Pathos, Logos Anchor Charts: Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 12-17 <i>Rogue Enchantments</i>	Students will love performing this delightful play full of magic and mystery.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.1, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audio: Vocabulary and pronunciation guide Video: Author Chat with Isabel Ibañez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Featured Skill: Key Ideas & Details Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* Core Skill: Inference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 18-19 "The Curse of the Hope Diamond"	This bite-sized article explores the many mysterious stories surrounding the infamous Hope Diamond.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.8, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Short Write Kit Discussion Questions Quiz* Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Core Skill: Central Ideas & Details* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Poem , p. 20 "A List of Things That Will Set You Free"	After reading and analyzing a poem by Joyce Kilmer, students write their own.	Featured Skill: analyzing and writing poetry CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.4, W.5	Audio: Poem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Analysis Poetry Planner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 21-25 "Bicycle Mania" and "Will Jet Packs Take Off?"	The fascinating stories of two modes of transport: the bicycle and the jet pack	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audio: Articles and vocabulary Slideshow: Vocabulary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Featured Skill: Synthesis Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Word Study Vocabulary: Definitions Quiz* Core Skills: Text Evidence*, Text Structure* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Answer key
Fiction , pp. 26-29 "First-Day Fly" by Jason Reynolds	A young boy reflects on preparing his outfit for the first day of school.	Featured Skill: character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Featured Skill: Character Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Choice Board Literary Devices Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
New! Write Like a Pro , pp. 30-31 "Would You Do That?"	Students learn about using colons while reading about adventure photographer and filmmaker Jimmy Chin.	Featured Skill: grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: R.1, W.5, L.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using Colons: Anchor Chart and Practice Activity In-Magazine Activity: Interactive Version 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Root Power , p. 32 "The Journal of Captain Hela: The Night Storm"	Learn about the Latin root <i>fort</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	Featured Skill: vocabulary acquisition CCSS: R.4, L.4, L.6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Root Power: <i>fort</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key

Print, project, or share digitally!

** 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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Author Chat

In this special video Q&A, your students meet Isabel Ibañez, author of this issue's play, *Rogue Enchantments*.



Interactive Poll

After reading the debate about whether we should be polite to voice assistants like Alexa, students can vote yes or no—and see how other students are voting.



Sneak Peek

Get an exclusive look at what's coming up this fall in *Scope*.



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Contest Deadline Alert!

Scope's contests are a wonderful way to get your students excited about writing—and winners get awesome prizes!

Entries for contests from this issue must be received by **October 16, 2023**.

For details: scope.scholastic.com/contests

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