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Digital Resource Guide

Here's to a Great Year!



Dear Teachers,

From all of us at *Storyworks*, WELCOME BACK! We're so thrilled to join you and your students this school year. Over the past few months, we've been hard at work cooking up spectacular new stories, videos, and resources that will make *Storyworks* more relevant than ever in your classrooms. Be sure to check out:

Engaging, **background-building slideshows and videos** that give students the essential knowledge needed to boost reading comprehension.

Meaningful **cross-curricular connections** that bring a wide variety of social studies and science topics into your ELA classroom.

Extra **writing and vocabulary support** to help students learn key academic and content-area vocabulary words and become confident writers.

I'd love to connect with as many of you as possible this year, to hear your ideas, to learn how you're using *Storyworks*, and to brainstorm new ways to make your teaching experience more seamless. Here's to the amazing year ahead!



Warmly,
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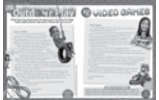






Your September Issue at a Glance

See all the amazing resources you'll find online!

All activities can be shared and completed digitally!

Go to **Storyworks Digital** at storyworks.scholastic.com and register to access all your resources.

 More Online Resources

 Articles	 Summary	 Videos, Audio & Slideshows	 Skill-Building Activities	 Skills & Standards	 Lower-Lexile Text	 Lesson Plan	 Text-to-Speech
MINI READ: Swallowed Up! By Gabby Bing	 What happened when a school bus got caught in a sinkhole?	 Read-Aloud: Gabby reads her article. Slideshow: Background Builder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph Power  Vocabulary 	Featured Skill: Vocabulary CCSS: R.1, W.2, L.4, L.5	✓		✓
NONFICTION: Frozen Earth: Life and Death in the Ice Age By Allison Friedman	 Travel back in time to learn about how animals and humans lived during the Ice Age.	 Immersive Read-Aloud: Allison reads her article, enhanced with music and sound effects.  Video: “Behind the Scenes: Frozen Earth” Slideshows: Vocabulary, Text Features Learning Journey Slide Deck: Customize and share!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video Questions Vocabulary Close Reading and Critical Thinking* Text Evidence* Summarizing* Text Features Nonfiction Elements MLL Questions Comp. Quiz* 	Featured Skill: Text Evidence CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.7, W.2, W.3, SL.1, SL.2, L.5, L.6	✓	✓	✓
FICTION: Starring Me, Sophia Sun By Lisa Yee	 Sophia has always wanted to be a TV star—but her big break turns out differently than she expected.	 Read-Aloud: Lisa reads her story. Learning Journey Slide Deck: Customize and share!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocabulary Close Reading and Critical Thinking Plot Choice Board Sentence Writing Fiction Elements Grammar Scavenger Hunt Comp. Quiz* 	Featured Skill: Plot CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.3, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6		✓	✓
PAIRED TEXTS: The History of Fun! A Playground for All By Talia Cowen	 An article about the history of playgrounds, paired with a Q&A with a boy who designed an inclusive playground for his school	 Read-Aloud: Talia reads her stories. Slideshow: Text Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocabulary Close Reading and Critical Thinking* Connecting Texts* Collaboration Choice Board MLL Questions Comp. Quiz* 	Featured Skill: Connecting Texts CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.6	✓	✓	✓
POEM: Famous By Naomi Shihab Nye	 A delightful and heartfelt poem about the different ways one can be famous	 Video Read-Aloud: Naomi Shihab Nye reads her poem in this special video.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry Kit Comprehension Quiz 	Featured Skill: Theme CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5		✓	✓
PLAY: The Woman Who Swam With Sharks By Elise Broach	 A play about Eugenie Clark, a scientist who changed how the world thinks about sharks	 Read-Aloud: Elise reads her play.  Video: “The Truth About Sharks” Slideshow: Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prereading Quiz Vocabulary Close Reading and Critical Thinking* Main Ideas* Text Features Research Kit Comp. Quiz* 	Featured Skill: Main Ideas CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.3, W.7, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6		✓	✓
DEBATE: Outdoor Play vs. Video Games	 Two kids discuss in letters whether they should have fun outside or play video games.	 Read-Aloud: A Storyworks editor reads the debate.  Video: “Taking Charge of Screen Time”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Writing Kit* Comprehension Quiz 	Featured Skill: Supporting an Opinion CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.8, W.1	✓	✓	✓
VOCAB LAB: One Word, 3 Ways/ Root Power!	 Learn multiple-meaning words and Greek and Latin roots.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make Your Own Comic  Word Roots Activity 	Featured Skill: Vocabulary CCSS: L.4, L.5			✓
INFOGRAPHIC: The Apple: A Great American Fruit	 All about the amazing apple		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided Writing Activity 	Featured Skill: Main Idea and Supporting Details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.7, W.1		✓	✓

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Go online for Common Core grade-level standards, TEKS, Florida B.E.S.T., and social studies and science standards.

* Available on two levels

What will you find at Storyworks Digital?

Explore all this and MORE at storyworks.scholastic.com.

Step-by-Step Lesson Plans

Get close-reading and critical-thinking questions, skill-building ideas, differentiation tips, plus reading levels and standards.

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!

Dazzling Videos

Meet the authors and go behind the scenes of our stories with our showstopping videos—a teacher favorite for prereading engagement.

Interactive Digital Activities

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Special Collections

Explore our text sets centered on topics and skills for whole-group, small-group, or independent reading. They're also a great aid for planning your units!

Pacing Guide

Our pacing guide shows you how *Storyworks* fits into your teaching calendar as you map out the year and create your daily plans.

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