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Warmly,  
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"Our telling of the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur in an action-packed play (p. 26) is a great way to dive into Greek mythology."

—Adee Braun, Managing Editor

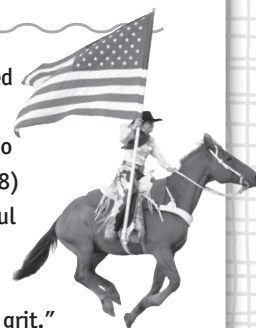


"Pat Mora's poem (p. 12) beautifully captures first-day jitters—ideal for sparking conversation at the start of the year."

—Natalie Hughes, Associate Editor

"Yamile Saied Méndez's 'Island Rodeo Queen' (p. 18) is a wonderful story for exploring identity and grit."

—Sona Charaipotra, Senior Editor



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what comes with your issue!

# Your September 2025 Issue

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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill-Building Activities	More Resources
<b>Grammar</b> , pp. 2-3 "The Power of Color"	Students practice using <i>there</i> , <i>their</i> , and <i>they're</i> while learning about several colorful creatures and how their colors help them survive.	<b>Featured Skills:</b> grammar, usage, and mechanics <b>CCSS:</b> L.1	<b>Video:</b> Grammar Hack: <i>There, Their, or They're?</i>	<b>There, Their, and They're:</b> Anchor Chart and Practice Activity <b>In-Magazine Activity:</b> Interactive Version	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Narrative Nonfiction</b> , pp. 4-9 "After the Flood"	Last September, western North Carolina was ravaged by torrential rains and deadly flash floods. This is the true story of a teen who survived the disaster.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> key ideas and details <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.2, SL.1, SL.2	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> Behind the Scenes	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Key Ideas and Details <b>Discussion Questions</b> <b>Choice Board</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Quiz*</b> <b>Core Skills:</b> Summarizing*, Text Features, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
<b>Debate: Scavenger Hunt</b> , pp. 10-11 "Finders Keepers?"	If you found \$100 on the street would you keep it? Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> analyzing arguments <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.8, W.1, SL.1, SL.3	<b>Audio:</b> Debate and vocabulary	<b>Scavenger Hunt*</b> <b>Essay Kit</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Persuasive Appeals:</b> Ethos, Pathos, Logos <b>Anchor Charts:</b> Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Poem</b> , p. 12 "My Rock"	A poem by Pat Mora about the power of a special place	<b>Featured Skills:</b> analyzing and writing poetry <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.4, W.4, W.5	<b>Audio:</b> Poem	<b>Poetry Analysis</b> <b>Writing Planner</b>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Paired Texts</b> , pp. 13-17 "The Rise of the Internet" and "The Print Revolution"	Two nonfiction articles each explore the history of a revolutionary technology: the internet and the printing press.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> synthesis <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Articles and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> 5 Inventions that Changed the World	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Synthesis <b>Discussion Questions</b> <b>Choice Board</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Quiz*</b> <b>Core Skill:</b> Text Structures*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Fiction</b> , pp. 18-23 "Island Rodeo Queen"	Coralí, who was born in Puerto Rico, wants to become her Utah town's rodeo queen more than anything. But will this tight-knit community accept her?	<b>Featured Skill:</b> narrative writing <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.3, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Story and vocabulary	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Narrative Writing <b>Discussion Questions</b> <b>Choice Board</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Quiz*</b>	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Short Read</b> , pp. 24-25 "Bringing Back the Dire Wolf"	This bite-sized article explores the debate over de-extinction.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> constructed response <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.2	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary	<b>The Short Write Kit</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Quiz*</b> <b>Core Skill:</b> Central Ideas & Details*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Drama</b> , pp. 26-31 "Into the Maze of Doom"	This exciting play is based on the ancient Greek myth of Theseus and the Minotaur.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> character <b>CCSS:</b> R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.3, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Vocabulary and pronunciation guide	<b>Featured Skill:</b> Character <b>Discussion Questions</b> <b>Choice Board</b> <b>Genre Exploration</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>Quiz*</b> <b>Core Skill:</b> Inference	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Root Power</b> , p. 32 "The Terrestrial Settlement"	Students learn about the root <i>terr</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> vocabulary acquisition <b>CCSS:</b> L.4	<b>Audio:</b> Story	<b>Root Power:</b> <i>terr</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key

\*\* Common Core Anchor Standards. For grade-level-specific Common Core standards as well as Texas State Standards, go to Scope Online.

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