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EDITORIAL CALENDAR

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

SPRING 2026

FALL 2026

	September	October	November	December/January
In the News Featured Skill: Summarizing	The Future of Football Inside the debate over one of our country's favorite sports	Little Pets, Big Problems Why the latest pet trend is putting vulnerable species in danger	Where Does This Mummy Mask Belong? Learn all about Egypt's quest to retrieve stolen artifacts.	Will AI Steal Your Job? How new technology is affecting the job market for teens
Nonfiction Feature Featured Skill: Text Evidence	Escape from 78 A moving story of bravery and resilience to commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11	The Mystery of Roanoke How could an entire village of people just disappear?	I Survived a Shark Attack The incredible story of a teen girl who turned a personal tragedy into a higher purpose	The Drowned City Meet a teen who lived through the Johnstown Flood of 1889—the deadliest flood in U.S. history.
Play/Fiction Featured Skill: Inference	*Coming Soon* A short work of contemporary fiction that touches on back-to-school themes, like friendship and identity	Into the Underworld A thrilling play based on a story from Maya mythology	*Coming Soon* A graphic novel-style update of a classic short story	The Race Against Death A riveting play based on the 1925 dogsled race to save the children of Nome, Alaska
True Teen Story Featured Skill: Text Structure	She Beat Cancer Now Ayana brings joy and comfort to other sick kids who are stuck in the hospital.	*Coming Soon* Read the winning entry from last year's Tell Us Your True Teen Story Contest—and find out how your students can enter!	Zacky's Mission He almost died because of a food allergy. Now this teen is fighting to make schools safer for kids like him.	Bravely Going Bald Meet a teen girl who shares what it's like to live with alopecia.
Paired Texts Featured Skills: Compare and Contrast, Synthesis	The Loudest Place in the World vs. The Quietest Place in the World Compare and contrast what it's like to live in these remarkable places.	Broadway's Rap Genius vs. Theater's O.G. Poet Consider the surprising similarities (and differences) between Lin-Manuel Miranda and William Shakespeare.	The Hidden History of Sign Language Synthesize two texts that trace this powerful form of communication back to its Native American roots.	Taming the Fear Monster Read a nonfiction text and a poem that explore facing your fears.

SPRING 2027 SNEAK PEEK

Check out what else is coming up next school year!

Nonfiction Feature: How to Save a Baby Sea Otter

Readers will follow scientists as they carry out a pioneering program to rescue, rear, and return otter pups to the ocean, where these unlikely heroes play a major role in stabilizing the ecosystem.

Readers Theater Play: Diving Into History

Your class will become immersed in the incredible life story of Vicki Manalo Draves, the first Asian American woman to win an Olympic gold medal.

True Teen Story: The Trash Boys

Young readers will meet two brothers who have started their own successful business—one that gives back *and* cleans up their community.

Paired Texts: Is It Ever OK to Gossip?

In this powerful pairing, students will synthesize an informational text and folktale that explore what happens when we spread stories about others.

SPRING 2026

	February	March	April	May
In the News Featured Skill: Summarizing	Is This the Future of Friendship? The truth about AI companions	Should Snacks Have Warning Labels? Inside the debate over junk food	Can You Spot the Bias? How to make sure the news you're getting is fair and reliable	Welcome to the World Cup! What you need to know about this summer's biggest sporting event
Nonfiction Feature Featured Skill: Text Evidence	Heroes From the Hill The forgotten story of America's first paramedics: the Freedom House Ambulance Service	The Bone Hunter How a 12-year-old girl named Mary Anning pioneered the field of paleontology	Riding to Survive The incredible true story of the boxcar children during the Great Depression	Keeping Hope Afloat How one man has fought to bring floating schools to flood-ravaged communities in Bangladesh
Play/Fiction Featured Skill: Inference	Beware the Thunder A humorous play based on Washington Irving's classic short story "Rip Van Winkle."	The Glowing Girls A historical fiction play about the young female factory workers who fought back against radium poisoning	The New Girl A graphic novel-style story about a mysterious visitor from the future	Swimming with Sharks An inspiring play based on the life of Japanese American scientist Eugenie Clark
True Teen Story Featured Skill: Text Structure	My Life With Learning Differences How art has helped Kai-li, 16, cope with dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia	Finding His Focus Samuel, 13, has learned to manage his anger—with a little help from tennis, his favorite sport	"I Have Tourette Syndrome" What Penny, 13, wants you to know about her condition	Sweet Success Meet Jeremiah, 15, who started his own successful business selling frozen treats
Paired Texts Featured Skills: Compare and Contrast, Synthesis	The Flight of the Monarchs Two texts explore why these beautiful butterflies are in danger—and how you can help	The Real Cleopatra A short, playful biography of Cleopatra—paired with the story of the incredible woman determined to find her tomb	The Zero-Waste Challenge What does it take to create less trash? Synthesize texts that explore how three teens—and one town—tried to do it.	The K-Pop Craze Dive into two texts about the origins of idol culture—and how it's shaping our lives today.