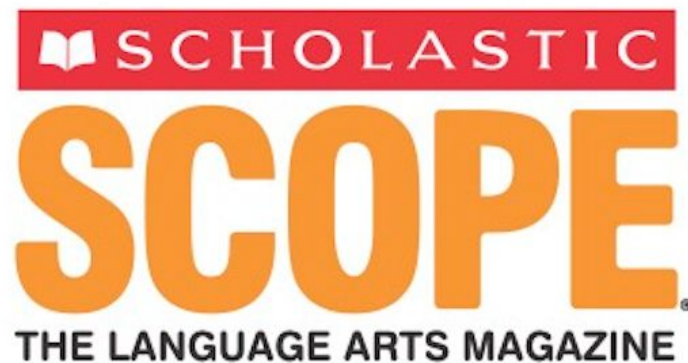




EDITORIAL CALENDAR

2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR

SPRING 2026

FALL 2026

	September	October	November	December/January
Narrative Nonfiction	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 true story of Lulu Gribbin, 15, who survived a horrific shark attack.	The Drowned City A gripping narrative feature about one of the deadliest floods in U.S. history
Drama	The Ghost Market A thrilling play inspired by Chinese mythology and the Hungry Ghost Festival	The Monkey's Paw A re-telling of W.W. Jacobs's classic tale.	Robin Hood 2.0 In this modern take on the legend of Robin Hood, a young coder named Robin uses her hacking skills to redistribute wealth.	The Piece of String A thought-provoking re-telling of Guy de Maupassant's story.
Fiction/Flash Fiction	Personal Narrative Students read a short memoir by author Stacey Lee before writing their own personal narratives	The Salt Witch A story filled with magic and mystery	The Perfects A beautiful work of fiction explores what life is like for military families	Offline When a sudden blackout cuts off all screens, small moments of discomfort turn into unexpected connections.
Paired Texts	The History of Money Two nonfiction articles explore the history and future of money.	Is That Video Real? An informational text about fake news from the 15th century until today is paired with a Jewish folktale about a boy who learns a lesson about rumors.	Saving the Condor How the Yurok people of the Pacific Northwest are bringing a sacred bird back to their tribal lands	I Have Autism Two nonfiction texts, including a personal narrative, explore what it means to have autism.
Short Read	Are Your Favorite Influencers Trying to Trick You? This bite-sized nonfiction explores the ethics of sponsored advertising on social media.	A Colorful Vision Meet Guillermo González Camarena, an electrical engineer who invented the first color television system	Into the World of Flag Football Why more and more kids and teens are playing flag football instead of tackle.	Are Brand Names Really Better? They look cool, but they cost a lot. Are they worth the price?

2026-2027 SNEAK PEEK

Check out what else is coming up next school year

Narrative Nonfiction:

- **Barbara Johns:** The incredible true story of a little-known hero of the civil rights movement, Barbara Johns, who was just 16 when she led a strike in protest of the deplorable conditions at her segregated school.
- **Black Sunday:** A gripping narrative by author Lauren Tarshis exploring the causes and consequences of the dust storms that ravaged the Southern Plains in the 1930s.

Plays:

- **The Summit:** A riveting play about Japanese mountaineer, Junko Tabei, and her incredible journey to becoming the first woman to summit Mount Everest.
- **The Curse of King Tut:** In this thrilling play, a curse is (maybe) unleashed when Howard Carter discovers the long-hidden tomb of a pharaoh.

2026-2027 SNEAK PEEK CONTINUED

Paired Texts:

- **The Secret World of Data Centers:** Two nonfiction articles explore what data centers are and how they work, as well as how they affect the environment.
- **Meet Bruce Lee:** A nonfiction article about the fascinating life of this legendary martial artist, actor, and filmmaker is paired with a Q&A with a martial arts choreographer.

Fiction:

- **#5 ENSLEY:** Set in backdrop of Birmingham, Alabama's Civil Right Movement of 1963, this moving historical fiction story by author Randi Pink follows twelve-year-old Ella-Mae Fant, a self-assured, brilliant Black girl as she finds herself in the center of the Birmingham bus boycott.
- **The Game:** A heartwarming story about a father and son who grow closer through the sport of cricket

SPRING 2026

p	February	March	April	May
Narrative Nonfiction	Heroes From the Hill This nonfiction tells the incredible story of the Freedom House Ambulance Service: an ambulance crew in Pittsburgh that rose above racial injustice—and changed emergency medical care forever.	Mountain of Fire A gripping nonfiction article describes the harrowing experience of a family camping near Mount St. Helens when it erupted in 1980.	Riding to Survive During one of the most desperate times in America, the Great Depression, 250,000 kids hopped on trains to try to make it on their own. This is their incredible true story.	These Schools Can Float Thousands of schools in Bangladesh are flooded every year, depriving many kids of an education. Meet the incredible student who grew up to discover a life-changing solution.
Drama	Into the Deep An action-packed play based on the classic novel <i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> by Jules Verne.	The Glowing Girls This inspiring historical fiction play tells the story of the “Radium Girls,” the young women who worked in America’s radium factories in the early 1900s.	The Poison Sky This thought-provoking play follows scientist and nature writer Rachel Carson in her battle to expose the truth about the pesticide DDT.	Light A fascinating fictionalized portrayal of the events leading up to Thomas Edison’s invention of the incandescent light bulb.
Fiction/Flash Fiction	The Golden Lie When Josie learns the truth about her great-great-great grandfather’s past, she has to decide: Should she tell her family? Or keep the golden lie going?	The Right Track A big race teaches Ramona an important lesson about winning.	The Last Seed A short story about a teen who lives on a future settlement on the moon. The story is paired with a Q&A with Artemis astronaut Victor Glover.	The Meltdown A young girl learns a powerful lesson after a sweet moment occurs while working in her family’s ice cream shop.
Paired Texts	Flight of the Monarchs A nonfiction article tells the story of the danger that monarch butterflies face. An informational text explains ways students can help these important insects.	The Search for Cleopatra’s Tomb An article about one archaeologist’s search for the long-lost tomb of Cleopatra is paired with a short text about the life and legacy of the historic queen.	The Beast of Lake Champlain A narrative nonfiction explores whether there is a sea monster living in Lake Champlain. A primary source detailing an alleged sighting of the monster follows the article.	Surrounded by Lions Lauren Tarshis takes readers on a virtual field trip to the Okavango Delta in Botswana, looking for one of Earth’s fiercest predators. The gripping personal narrative is paired with a Q&A with Tarshis.
Short Read	Is This Really Your Friend? A short article explores whether it is a good idea for teens to rely on AI companions	Finding His Footing This bite-sized article explores how Jamie Whitley, 15, wants to change the way people think about male ballet dancers.	The Story of Slang A short article explores the question of why and how slang develops, and what different words can tell us about different generations	Goal! This bite-sized article explores the fascinating history of the world’s most popular sport: soccer.