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Story	Summary	Key Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Sheets and Quizzes	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 “Weeeeeee!!”	Students practice using <i>is</i> and <i>are</i> while learning about flying animals—that aren’t birds.	Featured Skill: using grammar and mechanics	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>Is</i> or <i>Are</i> ?	• Subject-Verb Agreement: Anchor Chart and Practice Activity	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 “Into the Choking Smoke”	A moving story of bravery and resilience commemorates the 25th anniversary of 9/11.	Featured Skill: analyzing central ideas	Video: Beyond the Story Audio: Article read-aloud Slideshow: Words to Know	• Analyzing Central Ideas • Text-Dependent Questions • Words to Know: Glossary and Graphic Organizer • Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 11-15 “The History of Money” and “Money’s Next Move”	Two fascinating nonfiction articles explore the history and future of money.	Featured Skill: synthesizing texts	Audio: Article read-aloud Slideshow: Words to Know	• Synthesizing Texts • Text-Dependent Questions • Words to Know: Glossary and Graphic Organizer • Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Memoir , pp. 16-19 “The Quiz Show Fiasco”	Stacey Lee imparts wisdom about life and writing to students while taking them through one of her most humiliating experiences.	Featured Skill: writing a personal narrative	Audio: Story read-aloud Slideshow: Words to Know	• Writing a Personal Narrative • Text-Dependent Questions • Words to Know: Glossary and Graphic Organizer • Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 20-26 <i>The Ghost Market</i>	When Kai is given the chance to erase the memory of an embarrassing moment, he seizes the opportunity. But what else will he lose in the process?	Featured Skill: determining theme	Audio: Pronunciation guide Slideshow: Words to Know	• Determining Theme • Text-Dependent Questions • Words to Know: Glossary and Graphic Organizer • Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Root Power , p. 27 “The Bake Sale”	Students learn about the root <i>plic</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	Featured Skill: analyzing word parts	Audio: Story read-aloud	• Root Challenge: <i>plic</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate: Scavenger Hunt , pp. 28-29 “Do We Still Need Movie Theaters?”	The Grand Cinema in Maplewood is on the verge of closing its doors. Willow says this theater is worth saving; Cameron thinks otherwise. Who makes the stronger argument?	Featured Skill: evaluating arguments	Video: Movies: Then and Now Audio: Article read-aloud Slideshow: Words to Know	• Scavenger Hunt* • Words to Know: Glossary and Graphic Organizer • Anchor Charts: Argument Terms Glossary and Evaluating Arguments: A Checklist	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 30-31 “Are Your Fave Influencers Trying to Trick You?”	This bite-sized article explores the ethics of sponsored advertising on social media.	Featured Skill: constructing a response	Video: How Do Influencers Make Money? Audio: Article read-aloud Slideshow: Words to Know	• The Short Write Kit • Words to Know: Glossary and Graphic Organizer • Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Poem , p. 32 “If My Backpack Could Talk”	This heartwarming poem by Jennifer Dignan is a perfect conversation starter for the start of a new school year.	Featured Skill: writing poetry	Audio: Poem read-aloud	• Text-Dependent Questions • Writing Poetry	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key

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