



Resources at Your Fingertips

Dear Teachers,

I hope you've had a relaxing summer! *Upfront's* first cover story of the year looks back at the tragic day that changed America forever: September 11, 2001. We also have an in-depth account of the new lawsuits against social media companies. These articles and others come with an exciting variety of online resources:

- Videos that build the knowledge your students need before they read
- Words to Know slideshows that define key vocabulary from the articles
- Skill sheets that give students purposeful practice in mastering standards
- Lesson plans built around a predictable, structured literacy routine

Use your access code to unlock these Science of Reading-aligned resources and more.

Please reach out with any comments or questions. As always, I'd love to hear from you!



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Staff Picks

"The oral history from a teen who experienced the 9/11 attack will help your class understand how this historic day affected young people at the time." —Lauren Vespoli, Senior Editor



"Our graph analysis activity lets students delve into how social media is used around the world." —Chrisanne Gris , Senior Editor

"The video about displaced Afghans adds important context to our article about a star teen athlete in Afghanistan." —Brian S. McGrath, Senior Editor



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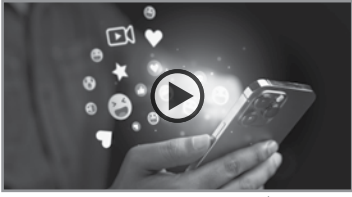
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* All quizzes and skill builders are printable.
* All teaching materials are compatible with Google Classroom.

All teaching resources are online. You will need to register at upfrontmagazine.com to access them.

ARTICLES		STANDARDS AND SKILLS	FEATURED SKILLS	LEVELED TEXT	LESSON PLAN	TEXT-TO-SPEECH	SKILL SHEETS AND ACTIVITIES	VIDEOS AND MORE
6 NATIONAL Social Media Under Fire Platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram are facing thousands of lawsuits accusing them of harming teen mental health.		NCSS: - Individuals, Groups, and Institutions - Science, Technology, and Society SOCIAL STUDIES/ELA: Analyze central ideas and key details	CLOSE READING	✓ LOWER LEVEL	✓	✓	- Words to Know slideshow - Close Reading Checklist - Text-Dependent Questions - Quiz - Graph Analysis - Cartoon Analysis - Discussion Questions	Why the Verdict Against Meta and YouTube Could Change Social Media 
10 NATIONAL Racing to Save History A storm hit Alaska and scattered Indigenous artifacts along the shore. The Yup'ik people are now attempting to salvage them.		NCSS: - Time, Continuity, and Change - People, Places, and Environments SOCIAL STUDIES/ELA: Summarize information		✓ LOWER LEVEL		✓	- Words to Know slideshow - Summarizing 101 - What's It All About? - Discussion Questions	The Purchase of Alaska 
12 INTERNATIONAL Afghanistan's Unlikely Star Teen athlete Alireza Ahmadi is from an ethnic group long marginalized in Afghanistan. He's also a national hero.		NCSS: - Culture - Power, Authority, and Governance SOCIAL STUDIES/ELA: Cite text evidence	CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYZING QUOTATIONS	✓ LOWER LEVEL	✓	✓	- Words to Know slideshow - In Their Own Words (analyzing quotations) - Quiz - Photo Analysis - Be the Editor (revising text) - Discussion Questions	Why So Many Afghans Have Been Forced Out of Iran 
16 TIMES PAST How 9/11 Changed the World On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the U.S., killing almost 3,000 Americans. Twenty-five years later, we're still dealing with the effects.		NCSS: - Time, Continuity, and Change - Power, Authority, and Governance SOCIAL STUDIES/ELA: Compare sources	PAIRING A PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SOURCE	✓ LOWER LEVEL	✓	✓	- Words to Know slideshow - Organizing Ideas (outlining) 'There's Been a Collapse' (primary source) - Quiz - Discussion Questions	
22 DEBATE Should Humans Go to Mars? Two experts weigh in.		NCSS: - Science, Technology, and Society - Civic Ideals and Practices SOCIAL STUDIES/ELA: Evaluate arguments	ANALYZING AUTHORS' CLAIMS		✓	✓	- Words to Know slideshow - Analyzing Authors' Claims	

All skill sheets are available as interactive Google Forms that you can assign to students online!