



A Special Story for Women's History Month

Dear teachers,

In this issue, I am thrilled to share the remarkable story of Dr. Gladys B. West with you and your students. Dr. West is a mathematician whose top-secret work in the 1960s and 1970s led to the invention of GPS—a technology that has completely transformed the way we live. West went largely unrecognized until recent years, and it's an honor to bring her story to your classroom.

If you're looking for more stories for Women's History Month, be sure to check out our new Special Collection at Scope Online.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime. I would love to hear from you.

Warmly,

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Editor Faves



The writing prompt
that accompanies
the infographic is
a fantastic way to
engage parents and caregivers.
—Adea Braun,
Managing Editor



What's more fun than a
Sherlock Holmes play?
Not much, I'd say, not
much. Now, how can I
apply to this Red-Headed League?
—Jennifer Dignan, Senior Editor
(and proud redhead)



Your students will love this
issue's thrilling cover story
about the Tri-State Tornado
of 1925. Lauren Tarshis's
descriptive writing is truly masterful.
—Lauren Salisbury,
Education Editor

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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 "The Secret Lives of Video Game Characters"	Students practice using <i>is</i> and <i>are</i> while learning about beloved video game characters.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>Is and Are</i>	More practice with <i>is</i> and <i>are</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 "The Tornado That Changed America"	Through the eyes of an 11-year-old survivor, this gripping narrative tells the story of the Tri-State Tornado, the deadliest single tornado strike in U.S. history.	Featured Skill: author's craft CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary Video: Author Chat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to Write: Analyzing Author's Craft Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Nonfiction Elements* Video Discussion Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Choice Board Quiz* Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure, Text Evidence*, Mood 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Debate: Scavenger Hunt , pp. 11-13 "Should You Get Paid to Recycle?"	Michelle thinks that people should get paid to recycle bottles and cans. Jack disagrees. Who makes the better argument?	Featured Skill: analyzing arguments CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, R.6, R.8, W.1, W.4, W.5, SL.1, L.4, L.6	Audio: Debate and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Scavenger Hunt* Essay Kit 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 14-18 <i>Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Red-Headed League</i>	Students will love performing this delightful adaptation of the famous Sherlock Holmes mystery "The Red-Headed League."	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.5, R.7, R.10, W.2, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	Audio: Vocabulary Podcast: The Sherlock Holmes Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to Write: Plan Your Scene Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choice Board Quiz* Core Skill: Inference 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 19-23 "Did You Use the GPS on Your Phone Today?" and "Five Ways GPS is Changing the World"	A nonfiction article introduces Dr. Gladys B. West, a mathematician who played a crucial role in the creation of GPS. An informational text explores the impact GPS has had on our world.	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Articles and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing to Write: Gladys West's Postage Stamp Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions Vocabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choice Board Quiz* Core Skill: Central Ideas and Details* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Fiction In a Flash , pp. 24-25 "The Cloud"	After reading a creepy story, students complete an activity focused on setting, then write their own stories.	Featured Skill: setting CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.3, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story Vocabulary Slideshow Video: Author Read-Aloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative Planner Choice Board 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 26-27 "How to Save a Baby Puffin"	This bite-sized article explores how a group of volunteers in Newfoundland, Canada, rescues baby puffins.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.1, W.4, W.5, L.4, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Short Write Kit Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice Quiz* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
You Write It , pp. 28-29 Interview: "Delivering Kindness"	Students turn our interview with Nolan Mejia, a 17-year-old who started a grocery delivery service for senior citizens, into their own articles.	Featured Skills: summarizing, key ideas CCSS: R.1, R.2		Writing Planner	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key ✓ Model text
Infographic , p. 32 "Life Before Smartphones"	After analyzing our infographic about life before smartphones, students interview an adult and use the interview and the infographic to write an article.	Featured Skills: interpreting visual text, supporting a claim CCSS: R.1, R.7, W.1		Writing Planner	✓ 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.

* Available on two levels

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The Sherlock Holmes Challenge!

After reading this issue's Sherlock Holmes play, students can listen to our podcast at Scope Online. They'll hear a mini-mystery and—using Holmesian powers of observation—try to solve it.



Author Chat

In this special video, author Lauren Tarshis gives your students a window into the writing and research process behind this issue's cover story.



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