



Let's Connect!

Dear teachers,

The short story I wrote for this issue, “The Stars Between Us,” is directly inspired by you and your students. The pandemic has isolated us from each other so profoundly—and yet, we’ve all found creative ways to connect. Maybe that’s a weekly Zoom with our loved ones or handwritten notes of encouragement sent through the mail. Or, as in my story, it’s as simple as noticing when a friend is struggling and doing something to put a smile on their face. And of course, we can all find connections in stories, in the characters who give us hope and strength and joy.

Speaking of connections, Team *Scope* wants to connect with YOU. I encourage you to join our Scope Facebook group if you haven’t already. We’d also love to virtually drop by your classroom. Reach out to me at KELewis@scholastic.com, and we’ll make it happen.

In the meantime, I dedicate my story to you and your students.

Warmly,
Kristin



Kristin Lewis
Editorial Director
KELewis@Scholastic.com
Twitter: @_KELewis



Editor Picks

This issue’s nonfiction feature “Searching for the *Titanic*” has all the ingredients we love: a fascinating story of exploration, a splash of wonder, and a powerful message of perseverance. I can’t wait for your students to dig in!



—Lauren Salisbury,
Education Editor

There’s a lot to love in this issue’s adaptation of Robin Hood—adventure, intrigue, humor, and big questions about right and wrong. But I’ll be honest. My very favorite thing is a single line from Scene 7, when the Sheriff of Nottingham asks, “Who is that varlet in scarlet?” So good.



—Jennifer Dignan, Senior Editor

As a potato chip lover, I can tell you that the Short Read about the origin of America’s favorite snack is not to be missed. Plus, it has some truly delightful alliteration.



—Mackenzie Carro, Senior Editor

Make sure you’ve registered for digital access!

Activate your Scope Online account for this school year. It’s easy!



Go to
scope.scholastic.com
and log in.



Follow the prompts
to confirm your
subscription.

Your December 2020/January 2021 Issue at a Glance

To get your online resources,
you will need to register at
scope.scholastic.com.

Find your
lesson plans
at Scope
Online!

Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill Building Activities	More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 “Why Do We Say That?”	Students practice using <i>it’s</i> and <i>its</i> while learning the surprising origins of several common sayings.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	Video: Grammar Hack: <i>It’s and Its</i>	More practice with <i>it’s</i> and <i>its</i>	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 “Searching for the Titanic”	This gripping nonfiction article tells the story of how explorer Robert Ballard discovered the wreck of the <i>Titanic</i> , 73 years after its tragic fate.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details 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: Beyond the Story: Searching for the <i>Titanic</i> Podcast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Finding the <i>Titanic</i> • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Nonfiction Elements* • Video Discussion Questions • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Choice Board • Quiz* • Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure, Text Evidence* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 11-15 “Why Are We Sooooo Tired?” and “The Story of Sleep”	A nonfiction article about why teens aren’t getting enough sleep and what they can do about it is paired with an infographic about sleep.	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: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Sleep PSA • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Choice Board • Quiz* • Core Skill: Central Ideas and Details* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Debate: Essay Kit , pp. 16-17 “Are Video Games a Sport?”	Are video games a sport? Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	Featured Skill: argument writing CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.6, R.8, W.1, W.4, W.5, W.7, SL.1, L.4, L.6	Audio: Article and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay Kit • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Quiz* 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Drama , pp. 18-23 <i>The Legend of Robin Hood</i>	Take your students on an adventure with our action-packed play based on the legend of Robin Hood.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.5, R.9, R.10, W.2, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	Audio: Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing to Write: Plan Your Scene • Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions • Literary Elements: Character Thinking Tool • Theme Anticipation Guide • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Choice Board • Quiz* • Core Skill: Inference 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Short Read , pp. 24-25 “Love at First Crunch”	This bite-sized nonfiction article explores the fascinating story of the creation of the potato chip.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.1, W.4, W.5, L.4, L.6	Audio: Article Vocabulary Slideshow	• The Short Write Kit • Quiz*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
Fiction In a Flash , pp. 26-27 “The Stars Between Us”	After reading a moving story, students complete an activity focused on dynamic character, then write a sequel.	Featured Skill: dynamic character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.3, L.4, L.5, L.6	Audio: Story and vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamic Character • Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice • Choice Board 	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
You Write It , pp. 28-29 Interview: “Into the World of a Teen Wrestling Champ”	Students turn our interview with 15-year-old wrestling champion Audrey Jimenez into their own articles.	Featured Skills: summarizing, key ideas CCSS: R.1, W.2	Video: My Story: Audrey Jimenez	• Writing Planner	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key ✓ Model text
Infographic , p. 32 “New Year’s Around the World”	Our delightful infographic explores New Year’s traditions around the world.	Featured Skill: interpreting visual text 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

What to Love This Month at Scope Online

scope.scholastic.com



More Slide Decks!

You asked, we listened! In addition to slide decks for all major features, we've added them for the Debate, Fiction In a Flash, and Short Read. Find them on the Resources Tab for each story at Scope Online.



Beyond the Story

Don't miss this video in which author Lauren Tarshis takes your students into the fascinating world of the *Titanic*.



New Collection: Explorations

Our new collection takes your students on amazing journeys of exploration with a play, video, narrative nonfiction, and more.



Join the Community

Our Facebook group is a thriving and supportive community of teachers. It's a great place to connect with other educators and with the *Scope* team.

Come join us!

facebook.com/groups/ScopeMag

Activate your account at scope.scholastic.com

Be sure to create a classroom password so your students can access *Scope* from anywhere.

MAURICE R. ROBINSON, 1895-1982, FOUNDER

POSTAL INFORMATION: SCHOLASTIC SCOPE (ISSN 0036-6412; in Canada, 2-c no. 9230) is published monthly in SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY and bimonthly DECEMBER/JANUARY, 8 issues total, by Scholastic Inc., 2931 East McCarty St., P.O. Box 3710, Jefferson City, MO 65102. CANADIAN ADDRESS: Scholastic Canada Ltd., 175 Hillmount Rd., Markham, Ontario, Canada L6C 1Z7. Periodical postage paid at Jefferson City, MO 65102 and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send notice of address changes and undeliverable copies to SCHOLASTIC SCOPE, 2931 East McCarty St., P.O. Box 3710, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

©2020 Scholastic Inc. SCHOLASTIC, SCOPE, and associated logos are trademarks and/or registered trademarks of Scholastic Inc. All Rights Reserved. Materials in this issue may not be reproduced in whole or in part in any form or format without special permission from the publisher. Printed in the U.S.A.

For use
at home or
at school!