

# SCOPE MAGAZINE

## EDITORIAL CALENDAR

### 2020-2021

# DEAR TEACHERS,

On the following pages, you will find an editorial calendar for the September, October, November, and December/January issues of *Scope*. You will also find stories we're especially excited about this spring along with special collections we've curated for you at Scope Online.

In the meantime, I hope you'll take a moment to explore the new digital tools we've created this year. All activities can be shared and completed digitally. We've also added dazzling slide decks, podcasts, author read-aloud videos, and choice boards.

I hope this calendar and these new tools will support you in the months ahead—whether you're in a remote, traditional, or hybrid setting. As always, our team is standing by to help in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time: [KELewis@scholastic.com](mailto:KELewis@scholastic.com).



WARMLY,

Kristin Lewis and the *Scope* Team

# SEPTEMBER 2020

## AT SCOPE ONLINE

### Videos

- ✓ Beyond the Story: Search Dogs
- ✓ Grammar Hack: *your* & *you're*
- ✓ My Side of the Story: Cyclops
- ✓ Author Read-Aloud
- ✓ COVID Diaries

### Podcast

- ✓ A Trip to Mars

### Background Builder

- ✓ 9 Things to Know About Odysseus

### Featured Collection

- ✓ Best stories for back to school

#### Narrative Nonfiction:

##### Lost in the Woods

- The incredible true story of two kids lost in the woods and the search dog that found them.

#### Drama: The Monster in the Cave

- Our thrilling Greek mythology play is entertaining and knowledge building. Plus, it's a great activity for point of view.

#### Debate: Is It Ever OK to Share Passwords?

- Two essays are presented arguing yes and no. Your students analyze the arguments, then decide which author makes the strongest case.

#### Paired Texts:

##### Animal Crossing & Candy Land

- The first article explores how a sweet video game brought comfort to millions at the start of the pandemic. The second article tells the story of a game invented to bring joy to kids during polio outbreaks in the 1950s.

#### Short Read:

##### She Lived on Mars (sort of)

- In this short, fascinating article, students meet Dr. Sian Proctor, an analog astronaut who helps scientists plan future missions to Mars.

#### Fiction:

##### Home by Hena Khan

- Aleena and her family adopt a young boy from Morocco. But things don't turn out quite the way Aleena expected.

#### Grammar: Foods of the Future

- What will kids in the future eat? Here are five predictions. *Commonly confused words: your and you're*

#### Poem: Questions for the Clouds

- An accessible, delightful poem by Jennifer Dignan becomes a model for students to write their own.

#### You Be the Editor: Slurp!

- Our article about why geckos lick their eyeballs could use some editing. Will your students help us polish it up?

\*\*Please note: All stories subject to change.

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# OCTOBER 2020

## AT SCOPE ONLINE

### Videos

- ✓ Author Chat: Varian Johnson
- ✓ Grammar Hack: *there, their, they're*
- ✓ Author Read-Aloud
- ✓ What's the Mood?

### Podcast

- ✓ Why do we love scary stories?

### Featured Collection

- ✓ Halloween

#### Narrative Nonfiction:

Malala the Powerful

- Students read about Malala Yousafzai's incredible story—from her work as a 12-year-old activist for girls' education, the attack by the Taliban, and her work today for all children.

#### Drama: The Space Rock

- A space rock worth millions has crash-landed on a family's farmland. Now the family must decide what to do with it: Sell it—or donate it to their struggling town?

#### Debate:

Is Boredom That Bad?

- Students consider the pros and cons of boredom, then form their own opinion.

#### Paired Texts:

The History of Soap

- A delightfully gross history of soap and hygiene is paired with a short informational text about an 11-year-old who brought hand sanitizer to his school, community, and hospital during the start of the pandemic.

#### Short Read:

Why Is There So Much Poop on This Mountain?

- For decades, climbers left their poop on Denali, North America's tallest mountain. Now it's starting to melt, and it's causing a big mess.

#### Fiction In a Flash:

The Nothing

- This creepy short story is perfect for exploring mood—and will make a fun addition to your Halloween readings.

#### Grammar: Halloween History

- Where do jack-o-lanterns, the tradition of wearing costumes, and candy corn come from? *Commonly confused words: there and their*

#### First Line Contest

- This year's featured author is the amazing Varian Johnson! He wrote three first lines to stories that don't exist. Your students pick their favorite and use it to start their own story.

#### You Be the Editor:

Is That Rock *Alive*?

- Our article about the mysterious sailing stones of Death Valley could use some editing. Will your students help us polish it?

# NOVEMBER 2020

## AT SCOPE ONLINE

### Videos

- ✓ Behind the Scenes with the Author
- ✓ Grammar Hack: *number & amount*
- ✓ Time Machine: the 1900s
- ✓ Author Chat: Lisa Yee

### Podcast

- ✓ The Newsies

### Featured Collections

- ✓ Veterans Day
- ✓ Child Labor

#### Narrative Nonfiction:

Making Our Voices Heard:  
Teens and Black Lives Matter

Students read about a group of teens who organized a Black Lives Matter protest. They will also learn about systemic racism and consider how protests can be a tool for social change. *Special pairing: teen changemakers*

#### Drama: The Newsies

At the turn of the century, children worked on the streets selling newspapers—under tough conditions for little pay. This is the story of how young people worked together to fight for their rights. A *great connected reading* to “Making Our Voices Heard” for your child labor unit.

#### Debate:

Should You Get to Vote?

In a letter to her mayor, Kendra argues that the voting age should be lowered. The mayor replies with a letter arguing that it should not. Your students analyze the arguments in both letters, then decide which is strongest.

#### Paired Texts:

Into the Death Zone:  
A Mount Everest Adventure

This edge-of-your-seat adventure follows a teen from India who became the youngest girl to reach the summit of Everest. It's paired with an infographic.

#### Short Read:

The History of GIFs

In this short, fascinating article, students learn the history of GIFs and meet a professional GIF-maker. Then they practice constructed response.

#### Fiction:

Girl Can't Dance

After an embarrassing video goes viral, one girl suddenly finds herself in the national spotlight. This humorous, heartfelt work of realistic fiction is paired with Emily Dickinson's poem “Fame Is a Bee.”

#### Grammar: Voting in the Wild

Humans aren't the only ones who vote. These animals do too.  
*Commonly confused words: number and amount*

#### Infographic: The Mantis Shrimp

Students read about nature's fiercest critter. Then they write an essay arguing why the mantis shrimp should be their new school mascot.

DEC/JAN  
2020/21

## AT SCOPE ONLINE

### Videos

- ✓ Behind the Scenes with the Author
- ✓ Grammar Hack: *affect* & *effect*

### Podcast

- ✓ A Cinderella story

### Featured Collection

- ✓ Media Literacy

#### Narrative Nonfiction:

The Lost Ship

The amazing World War 2 story of the sinking of the *Indianapolis*, the captain unfairly blamed, and the middle schooler who cleared his name.

#### Drama: Cinderella

This isn't the fairy tale you remember from when you were a child! After performing this play, students read an article about why Cinderella stories endure and listen to a read-aloud of other Cinderella stories from around the world. Then they write their own.

#### Debate:

Is it OK to Quit?

When is it OK to stop doing an activity you don't enjoy anymore? Should you stick it out—or throw in the towel?

#### Paired Texts:

Are Those Stories True?

A brand new story about how made-up stories spread across social media—and how kids can learn to tell the difference between fact and fiction. A great addition to your media literacy unit.

**Short Read:** The Great Kentucky Meat Shower

Over a century ago, raw meat fell from the sky over a Kentucky town. You won't believe what investigators discovered next.

**Fiction In a Flash:**  
The Forever Sun

Is there anything worse than a sun that never sets? Turns out, there is. If you're looking for a short story to explore setting, this is it.

#### Grammar:

Students read a fascinating story and practice using *affect* and *effect*.

#### Infographic:

New Year's Around the World

Students study a visual text, then respond to a writing prompt.

#### You Write It:

Students read a short interview with a fascinating teen, then use the interview to write an article. Great practice with using direct quotes and paraphrasing.

# SNEAK PEEK!

## 5 STORIES WE'RE WORKING ON FOR SPRING

1. **Narrative Nonfiction:** The Tulsa Race Massacre and the 100-year quest for justice
2. **Drama:** *The Necklace* gets fractured! This delightful retelling will serve as a meaningful comparison with Maupassant's classic short story.
3. **Paired Texts**
  - Personal Essay: "I Made My School a Kinder Place"
  - Informational Text: The History of the Gay Straight Alliance
4. **Narrative Nonfiction:** Bison were hunted to the brink of extinction and then heroically brought back. The story of the bison is the story of America.
5. **Paired Texts:** What did we do before GPS? We asked Dr. Gladys West, who invented it. Dr. West is a mathematician and one of the "hidden figures." She was inducted in the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame in 2018.

### Note:

We'll be sharing a spring calendar this fall, as we learn more about how the year is going and what your needs are.

# SKILLS COVERED IN EVERY ISSUE

No matter your scope and sequence,  
you'll find what you need at Scope Online.

Author's Craft  
Author's Purpose  
Analyzing Arguments  
Central Ideas & Details  
Character  
Close Reading  
Critical Thinking  
Constructed Response  
Descriptive Writing  
Editing and Revising  
Ethos, Pathos, Logos  
Figurative Language  
Grammar  
Genre

Inference  
Integrating Knowledge  
Literary Elements  
Mood and Tone  
Plot  
Setting  
Summarizing  
Synthesizing  
Text Evidence  
Text Features  
Text Structures  
Theme  
Writing: *Narrative,*  
*Argument, Informational*

# THEME COLLECTIONS

Special curated text sets around a theme or topic. Find them all [here](#).



COURAGE AND RESILIENCE



WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER?



EARTH DAY EVERY DAY



WHAT MAKES A HERO?



FINDING YOUR VOICE



TAKING A STAND

## COMING UP

- ✓ Halloween
- ✓ Media Literacy
- ✓ Technology and Me
- ✓ Child Labor

# SPECIAL SKILLS COLLECTIONS

Our best stories, videos, and activities for teaching a particular skill.  
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THEME



TEXT EVIDENCE



CENTRAL IDEAS & DETAILS



INFERENCE

## COMING UP

- ✓ Author's Craft
- ✓ Mood
- ✓ Figurative Language
- ✓ Argument Writing
- ✓ Author's Purpose

Have a suggestion?  
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