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Scholastic News® for Grades 5 & 6 Reinforces Skills



Scholastic News Grades 5/6 provides children with motivating, high-interest, nonfiction reading with a focus on current events. Each issue is built on a firm foundation of skills that reinforce the classroom curriculum. *Scholastic News* meets the needs of students with progressive, on-level reading and high-interest content that becomes more challenging over the school year as children develop as readers.

The following essential skills are addressed in *Scholastic News* for Grades 5/6:

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Read aloud independently.
- Practice conversation skills through discussions of text.
- Learn and use new content vocabulary by answering vocabulary questions.
- Strengthen communication and public speaking skills through debates by:
 - Presenting opinions with supporting information
 - Practicing speaking for a specific audience
- Practice the following strategies to determine word meanings:
 - Using information about word parts
 - Using context clues
 - Using definitions given within the text
- Identify figurative and literal language.
- Master dictionary and pronunciation skills.

WRITING

- Experience writing as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Write for a specific purpose.
- Use grade-appropriate models of good writing.
- Use complex graphic organizers.
- Respond to a variety of topics in writing.
- Practice narrative and persuasive essay writing skills.

READING COMPREHENSION

- Experience reading as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Read with a purpose.
- Build reading stamina.
- Read and understand different literary genres.
- Master the following comprehension strategies using longer passages:
 - Predicting
 - Synthesizing ideas
 - Main idea/details
 - Fact vs. opinion
 - Posing questions
 - Making inferences
- Use the text to develop and support opinions.
- Decipher between main facts and supplemental information.
- Answer questions based on the text.
- Understand a variety of nonfiction and journalistic features, such as:
 - Columns
 - Captions
 - Interviews
 - Bullets
 - Headlines
 - Diagrams
 - Maps
 - Charts and graphs
- Recognize and analyze a variety of literary media, such as:
 - Pictures
 - Photographs
 - Political cartoons

PHONICS/WORD-LEVEL SKILLS

- Decode challenging words in the text using knowledge of sounds and letters.
- Recognize more sight words.



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SCIENCE

- Learn about science through the lens of current events.
- Understand important science concepts and topics, including:
 - Weather
 - Endangered species
 - Characteristics of and changes in population
 - Health and fitness
 - Changes in environments
 - Science and technology
- Interpret and use visual aids found in science texts, including:
 - Diagrams • Graphs • Charts
- Answer questions based on the new topics learned.

MATH

- Use and create a variety of graphs and charts, including:
 - Bar graphs • Pie graphs
 - Line graphs • Pictographs
- Answer multistep questions about graphs and charts.

TEST PREPARATION

- Practice general test-taking skills.
- Build test-taking stamina through practice tests.
- Answer different types of questions in preparation for standardized tests, such as:
 - Multiple choice
 - Fill-in-the-blank
 - True or false
 - Open-ended questions

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Understand important social studies concepts and topics, including:
 - Culture • Individuals and events in history
 - Geography • Civic ideals
 - Politics • People and current events
- Read and use different kinds of timelines.
- Read and use a variety of maps, such as:
 - Country • Elevation
 - World • Animal habitat range
 - Regional • Population
 - Historical • Time zone
- Practice map skills, such as:
 - Measuring to scale
 - Using latitude and longitude
 - Recognizing hemispheres
 - Answering questions based on maps
- Analyze and reflect upon relevant social situations through discussions and writing.
- Analyze and write about social studies issues in a deep and meaningful way.

CURRENT EVENTS

- Learn about current events in a comprehensive manner.
- Analyze current events and related issues through class discussions and written activities.
- Practice map skills through current events.
- Participate in current events in interactive, relevant ways.

TECHNOLOGY

- Develop Internet skills through:
 - Obtaining information and news online
 - Participating in online quizzes and polls
- Develop Internet research skills through:
 - Related Web links • “This Week Online” feature
- Practice using basic computer hardware (mouse, keyboard, monitor, and printer).

Bold-faced words are defined throughout each issue.

Maps, graphs, and charts are in every issue.



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