



CLASSROOM MAGAZINES

Scope® Reinforces Reading and Writing Skills



Scope is a literary classroom magazine that helps teach middle and high school students reading, writing, and vocabulary skills using high-interest literature and nonfiction. Students can practice their reading skills through dramatic plays, celebrity interviews, poetry, short fiction, and current events articles. Regular writing activities, reading comprehension quizzes, and vocabulary-building features enable students to develop and learn new writing and critical thinking skills, meet their curriculum goals, and better prepare them for testing.

The following essential skills are addressed in *Scope*:

WRITING

- Experience writing as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Practice the following fundamental writing skills:
 - Use story elements
 - Write with detail and elaboration
 - Write with clarity and conciseness
 - Use literary devices in writing
- Practice writing in different genres, including:

• Fiction	• Opinion pieces
• Nonfiction	• Short and long essays
• Poetry	• Interviews
• Personal narratives	• Letters
- Practice grammar skills, such as:
 - Sentence structure
 - Punctuation
 - Parts of speech
 - Spelling
 - Editing skills
- Practice writing well-structured paragraphs with supporting details.
- Practice technical and creative writing skills as modeled by popular young adult authors.
- Use graphic organizers to practice specific writing skills and enhance understanding of the text.
- Respond to a variety of topics and genres in writing.
- Build writing stamina.

READING COMPREHENSION

- Use relevant and high-interest texts to:
 - Make personal connections
 - Understand literary devices
- Experience reading as an enjoyable and practical activity.
- Read a variety of genres within one issue:

• Dramatic plays	• Interviews
• Nonfiction	• Fiction
• Debates	• Poetry
- Practice the following comprehension strategies:
 - Interpret text
 - Identify story elements
 - Make inferences
 - Compare and contrast texts
 - Develop critical thinking skills
 - Analyze characters
- Use proof from the text to develop an opinion.
- Answer questions based on the text.
- Practice reading and using a variety of nonfiction features, such as:
 - Headlines
 - Captions
 - Sidebars
 - Charts, graphs, and maps
- Read, analyze, and write about topics across the curriculum.



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Scope Skills Development for Grades 6–10
(Reading Level 6–8)

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Read aloud independently.
- Practice conversation skills through discussions of the text.
- Practice persuasive writing through debates:
 - Develop a thesis and expand upon it with supporting details.
- Practice fluency and listening skills through read-alouds.

VOCABULARY

- Learn and use at least 100 vocabulary words important for the ACT and SAT tests through:
 - Explicit instruction
 - Context clues
- Make inferences with cloze activities.
- Learn synonyms.
- Review new vocabulary through written exercises and quizzes.

TEST PREPARATION

- Build test-taking skills by answering questions similar to those on standardized tests.
- Practice general test-taking skills.
- Build test-taking stamina through practice questions.
- Answer different types of questions in preparation for standardized tests, such as:
 - Multiple choice
 - Short answer open-ended questions
 - Long answer open-ended questions
- Answer questions based on:
 - Vocabulary
 - Facts from the text
 - Main ideas
 - Details
 - Inferences and analysis
 - Cause and effect
 - Sequence
 - Critical thinking
 - Character

FUNCTIONAL/LIFE SKILLS

- Learn skills practical and relevant to teenagers, such as:
 - Personal organization skills
 - Goal-setting
 - Career choices

TECHNOLOGY

- Practice basic computer and technology skills, such as:
 - Using computer hardware
 - Internet research



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