

EDITION 1

Scope and Sequence 2011–2012

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TOPIC	NATIONAL STANDARD*	CONCEPT OF COMPREHENSION
September**		
Web Extra: The Story of Johnny Appleseed		
Apples Constitution Day/Rules Around the World Hurricanes	NSES: Organisms and environments NCSS: Civic ideals and practices NCSS: Individuals, groups, and institutions NSES: Changes in Earth and sky	Sequence Explicit Information Setting Predicting
October		
Web Extra: The Story of Christopher Columbus		
Nocturnal Animals Pumpkins Don't Be a Bully Fire Safety	NSES: Characteristics of organisms NSES: Life cycle of organisms NCSS: Civic ideals and practices NSES: Personal health	Fact and Opinion Compare and Contrast Character Cause and Effect
November**		
Web Extra: The Story of Squanto		
Veterans Day Thanksgiving All Kinds of Animals Germs	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices NCSS: Culture NSES: Characteristics of organisms NSES: Personal health	Main Idea Plot Genre Explicit Information
December/January		
Web Extra: The Story of Martin Luther King Jr.		
Arctic Animals Holidays The Heart Martin Luther King Jr.	NSES: Characteristics of organisms NCSS: Culture NCES: Personal health NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Setting Explicit Information Cause and Effect Character
February		
Web Extra: A Letter to Abraham Lincoln		
Presidents' Day Chinese New Year Black History Month Dental Health Month	NCSS: Power, authority, and governance NCSS: Culture NCSS: Individuals, groups, and institutions NSES: Personal health	Author's Purpose Explicit Information Pronoun Reference Drawing Conclusions
March**		
Web Extra: Women's History Month		
Animal Habitats National Nutrition Month The Eye Continents	NSES: Organisms and environments NSES: Personal health NSES: Characteristics of organisms NSES: Organisms and environments	Vocabulary in Context Categorize and Classify Text Features Explicit Information
April		
Web Extra: National Poetry Month		
Frogs Planting Weather Earth Day	NSES: Life cycle of organisms NSES: Abilities of technological design NSES: Changes in Earth and sky NSES: Organisms and environments	Vocabulary in Context Main Idea Figurative Language Author's Purpose
May/June		
Web Extra: Super Summer Reading		
Insects Our Country Oceans Summer Safety	NSES: Characteristics of organisms NCSS: Civic ideals and practices NSES: Organisms and environments NSES: Personal health	Fact and Opinion Main Idea Vocabulary in Context Author's Purpose

*NSES—National Science Education Standards; NCSS—National Council for the Social Studies

**The Teacher's Guide will feature additional pages, including a reproducible Literacy Skills Assessment and extra resource pages.
Note: All topics and skills are subject to change at the editor's discretion.