

EDITION 2

Scope and Sequence 2011–2012

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TOPIC	NATIONAL STANDARD*	CONCEPT OF COMPREHENSION
September**		
Web Extra: The Story of Johnny Appleseed/Hispanic Heritage Month		
Fall Harvest Constitution Day Monarch Butterflies Hurricanes	NSES: Life cycles of organisms NCSS: Civic ideals and practices NSES: Characteristics of organisms NSES: Changes in Earth and sky	Predicting Setting Explicit Information Sequence
October		
Web Extra: The Story of Christopher Columbus		
Nocturnal Animals Fire Safety Human Body Don't Be a Bully	NSES: Characteristics of organisms NSES: Personal health NSES: Characteristics of organisms NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Drawing Conclusions Cause and Effect Text Features Character
November**		
Web Extra: The Story of Squanto		
Veterans Day Germs Native Americans Get Ready for Winter	NCSS: Civic ideals and practices NSES: Personal health NCSS: Culture NSES: Characteristics of organisms	Vocabulary in Context Cause and Effect Compare and Contrast Genre
December/January		
Web Extra: The Story of Martin Luther King Jr.		
Arctic Animals Holidays Volcanoes Martin Luther King Jr.	NSES: Characteristics of organisms NCSS: Culture NSES: Changes in Earth and sky NCSS: Civic ideals and practices	Classify and Categorize Explicit Information Main Idea Plot
February		
Web Extra: A Letter to Lincoln, A Readers' Theater Play		
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	Explicit Information Author's Purpose Pronoun Reference Main Idea
March**		
Web Extra: Women's History Month		
Tropical Rain Forests National Nutrition Month Space Continents	NSES: Organisms and environments NSES: Personal health NSES: Objects in the sky NSES: Organisms and environments	Setting Classify and Categorize Vocabulary in Context Author's Purpose
April		
Web Extra: National Poetry Month		
Frogs Planting Weather Earth Day	NSES: Life cycles of organisms NSES: Characteristics of organisms NSES: Changes in Earth and sky NSES: Organisms and environments	Drawing Conclusions Main Idea Figurative Language Fact and Opinion
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	Theme Voice Drawing Conclusions 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.