



Here's a Sneak Peek at Our 2025–2026 Calendar

NARRATIVE NONFICTION

► AFTER THE FLOOD

Last September, western North Carolina faced torrential rains and deadly floods. This is the true story of a teen who survived.

► FLEEING FOR FREEDOM

This gripping nonfiction recounts Operation Pedro Pan, the secret program that enabled Cuban children to escape to the U.S. in the 1960s.

► SAVING THE JAGUAR

These fierce, spotted cats once roamed the American southwest before they were hunted to near extinction. Can we bring them back?

► THE HERO FROM HAWAII

Senator Daniel K. Inouye was a war hero who championed Japanese Americans. Follow his journey from Pearl Harbor to politics.

► THESE SCHOOLS CAN FLOAT

Each year, floods in Bangladesh disrupt education for many children. Meet the remarkable student who found a life-changing solution.

► MOUNTAIN OF FIRE

This gripping narrative by Lauren Tarshis takes us back to the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens.

PAIRED TEXTS

► FLIGHT OF THE MONARCHS

Millions of monarchs migrate across North America yearly. As their numbers decline, they face serious challenges. Here's how we can help.

► THE HISTORY OF MONEY

From the first coin to NFTs, explore the fascinating history of currency.

► THIS T-SHIRT IS DESTROYING THE PLANET

Learn the disturbing truth about the fast fashion industry—and what can be done about it.

► SEARCHING FOR CLEOPATRA

Explore Cleopatra's life and the search for her lost tomb.

FICTION

► ISLAND RODEO QUEEN

A coming-of-age story by Yamile Saied Méndez about a Puerto Rican teen who grapples with her identity while pursuing her Utah town's rodeo queen title.

► PRACTICE THE GOODBYE

Nora Baskin's story follows a girl volunteering to foster a puppy destined to become a service animal for veterans with PTSD.

► MY LIFE ON THE MOON

This sci-fi story imagines life in the moon through the eyes of a teen from a future moon colony.

► BEARING UP

This graphic novel-style story is about a boy who confronts his worst nightmare and overcomes it.

PLAYS

► THE PEACEMAKER

Based on the creation of the Iroquois Confederacy

► MULAN

Based on the Chinese folk heroine, Hua Mulan

► BLACK SUNDAY

A play about life in the Dust Bowl in the 1930s and surviving the biggest dust storm in history

► THE TELL-TALE HEART

A creepy play based on Poe's classic tale

► BEWARE THE THUNDER

Based on Washington Irving's *Rip Van Winkle*

 **PLUS, in every issue**

- **DEBATES** on topics that resonate with students
- **SHORT READS** that are rigorous and fascinating—and short enough to do in one period
- **GRAMMAR AND WRITING ACTIVITIES** to help your students grow
- **GREEK AND LATIN ROOTS** in an engaging graphic novel-style format