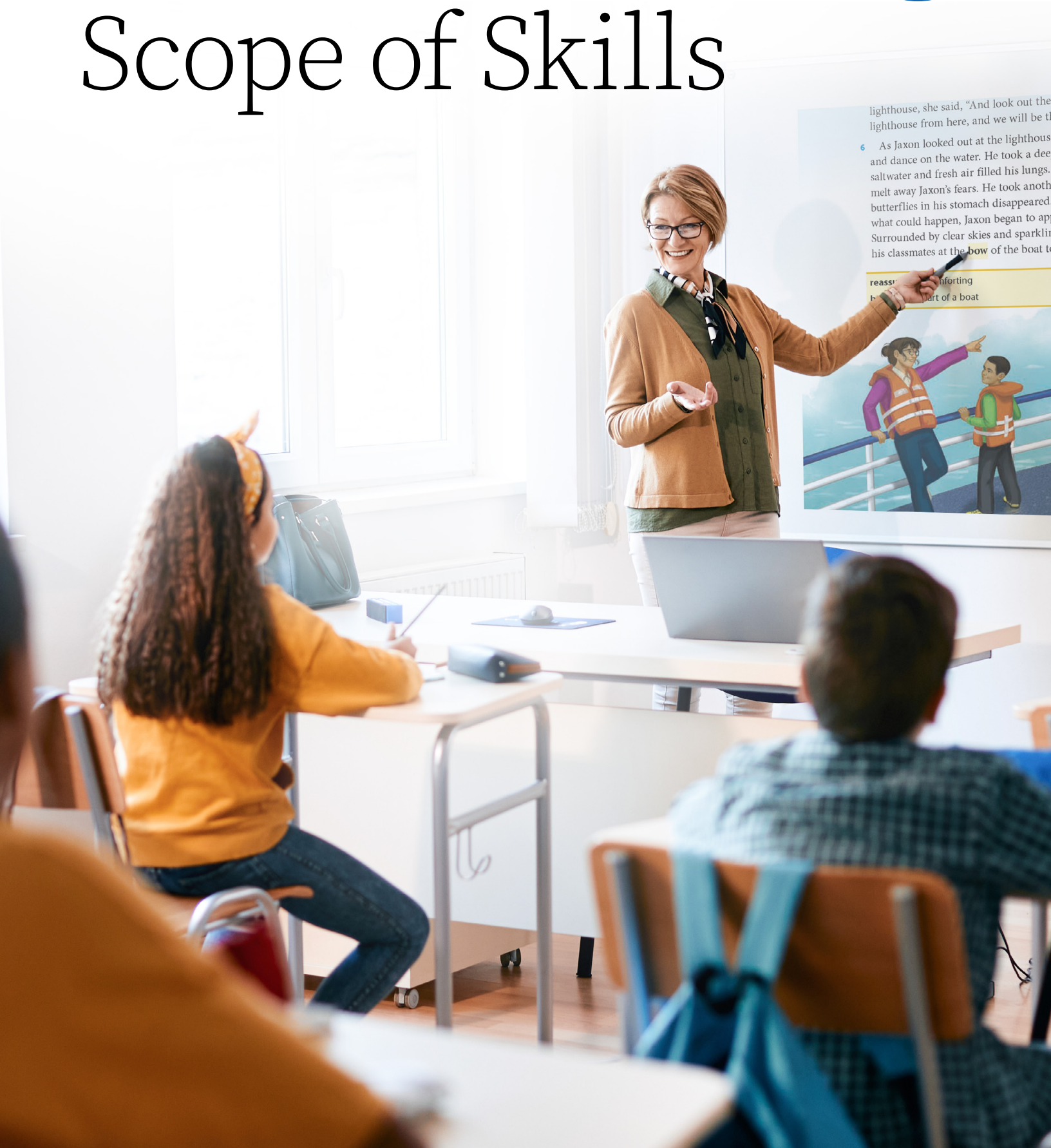


# Scope of Skills



## Unit 1 | Overcoming Obstacles

**LESSON 1** Focus Question: What are some ways people get through difficult situations?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Summarize a Story

**TOPIC:** This Is So Hard!

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile®
from <i>The Save</i>	realistic fiction	427	580L
School Dance Disaster from <i>Stef Soto, Taco Queen</i>	realistic fiction	636	760L
from <i>Nature Girl</i>	realistic fiction	464	640L

**LESSON 2** Focus Question: What does it mean to fit in?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Determine Theme

**TOPIC:** Finding Myself

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Stand Up, Yumi Chung!</i>	realistic fiction	320	760L
from <i>Wonder</i>	realistic fiction	585	650L
from <i>Garvey's Choice</i>	verse novel	382	540L

**LESSON 3** Focus Question: What are some positive ways to handle new situations?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Make Inferences

**TOPIC:** The New Kid

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>How to Make S'mores (Parts 1, 2, and 3)</i>	realistic fiction	1,349	610L

**LESSON 4** Focus Question: How can people solve a problem with a friend or classmate?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Compare and Contrast Characters

**TOPIC:** Turn It Around

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Zoe in Wonderland (Parts 1, 2, and 3)</i>	realistic fiction	909	640L

### CONNECT IT

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Make Inferences, Summarize a Story, Determine Theme, Compare and Contrast Characters

**TOPIC:** Finding Confidence

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!</i>	realistic fiction	658	680L

## Unit 2 | Art in America

### LESSON 5 Focus Question: Why is the Harlem Renaissance important?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Determine Main Ideas and Key Details

**TOPIC:** The Harlem Renaissance

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>The Great Migration</i>	narrative nonfiction	469	970L
<i>Writers of the Harlem Renaissance</i>	social studies article	685	1010L
from <i>Stompin' at the Savoy</i>	narrative nonfiction	461	1020L

### LESSON 6 Focus Question: Why is it important to share people's stories through the arts?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Summarize a Text

**TOPIC:** The Arts of the People

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Preserving the Flavor of Life</i>	biography	408	1060L
<i>The Song Hunter</i>	social studies article	636	1020L
<i>Art for America</i>	social studies article	430	970L

### LESSON 7 Focus Question: How did people respond to the Dust Bowl?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Analyze a Historical Text

**TOPIC:** Dust Bowl

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Letters from the Dust Bowl</i>	letter	408	1020L
<i>Turning Dust into Art</i>	social studies article	602	920L
<i>The Social Poet</i>	social studies article	361	890L

### LESSON 8 Focus Question: Why were the arts important during the Great Depression?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Determine Word Meanings

**TOPIC:** Public Works of Art

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Showtime at the WPA</i>	social studies article	430	1000L
from <i>Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists: Diego Rivera</i>	biography	518	1020L
<i>Keeping the Music Alive</i>	social studies article	412	990L

### CONNECT IT

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Determine Main Ideas and Key Details, Summarize a Text, Analyze a Historical Text, Determine Word Meanings

**TOPIC:** Forgotten Art

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Hana Field: Eighth-Grade Art Detective</i>	social studies article	826	900L

## Unit 3 | Earth's Water

### LESSON 9 Focus Question: What do people think and feel about water?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Determine the Meaning of Figurative Language

**TOPIC:** Water and Humans

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Water Rolls, Water Rises</i>	poem	194	NP
<i>Rain in Summer</i>	poem	107	NP
<i>Untitled</i>	poem	58	NP
<i>Spring as Adversary</i>	poem	97	NP
from <i>Out of the Dust</i>	poem	366	870L

### LESSON 10 Focus Question: What makes fresh water so precious?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Make Inferences

**TOPIC:** Fresh Water

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Water, the Liquid of Life</i>	science article	475	940L
<i>Hidden Water</i>	science article	588	940L
<i>Water, Water Everywhere</i>	technology article	402	900L

### LESSON 11 Focus Question: How can we make sure living things get the clean water they need?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Compare Text Structures: Compare-Contrast, Problem-Solution

**TOPIC:** Water Problems and Solutions

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Tackling the Clean Water Crisis</i>	technology article	494	970L
<i>Tiny Oysters Do a Big Job</i>	science article	608	980L
<i>A Winning Idea</i>	profile	270	970L
<i>Water Heroes</i>	profile	293	990L

### CONNECT IT

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Make Inferences, Compare Text Structures: Compare-Contrast, Problem-Solution

**TOPIC:** The Future of Water

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Toilet to Tap: A New Way to Save Water</i>	science article	463	920L
<i>After the Flush</i>	science article	462	980L

## Unit 4 | Survival

**LESSON 12** Focus Question: What does it take to survive in extreme conditions?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Compare Text Structures: Cause-Effect, Chronological

**TOPIC:** I Will Survive

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Ready to Survive</i>	science article	430	990L
<i>Conquering the Cold</i>	social studies article	619	930L
<i>How to Survive Falling through Thin Ice</i>	steps in a process	408	740L
<i>First Aid for Hypothermia</i>	steps in a process	200	880L

**LESSON 13** Focus Question: What helps people survive difficult situations?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Explain Story Structure

**TOPIC:** Danger on the Mountain

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Disaster Strikes from Survivor Diaries: Avalanche!</i>	adventure	1,410	670L
<i>Digging Out from Survivor Diaries: Avalanche!</i>	adventure	1,410	670L
<i>Race Against Time from Survivor Diaries: Avalanche!</i>	adventure	1,410	670L

**LESSON 14** Focus Question: What skills and attitudes are useful in an emergency?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Analyze Point of View

**TOPIC:** Lost at Sea

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Rogue Wave (Parts 1, 2, and 3)</i>	adventure	1,376	790L

### CONNECT IT

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Explain Story Structure, Analyze Point of View

**TOPIC:** Put to the Test

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Wild Man Island</i>	adventure	949	780L



## Unit 5 | Underground Railroad

### LESSON 15 Focus Question: How did some Americans oppose slavery?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Explain Reasons and Evidence

**TOPIC:** Slavery in the United States

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Liberty and Justice for All?</i>	social studies article	520	1010L
<i>Resisting Slavery</i>	social studies article	633	890L
<i>Finding Freedom</i>	social studies article	515	1010L

### LESSON 16 Focus Question: What can we learn from accounts of people who escaped slavery?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Analyze Multiple Accounts

**TOPIC:** The Hard Path to Freedom

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>William Still: Father of the Underground Railroad</i>	profile	507	980L
Stories of Freedom from <i>The Underground Railroad</i>	profile	607	860L
<i>A Woman Called Moses</i>	profile	257	970L
<i>Letter to Harriet Tubman</i>	letter	365	980L

### LESSON 17 Focus Question: What traits helped people on the Underground Railroad?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Compare Stories

**TOPIC:** Stories of the Underground Railroad

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>North by Night</i>	historical fiction	410	560L
from <i>Eliza's Freedom Road: An Underground Railroad Diary</i>	historical fiction	592	600L
from <i>I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863</i>	historical fiction	250	590L
from 47	historical fiction	259	780L

### CONNECT IT

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Analyze Multiple Accounts, Explain Reasons and Evidence

**TOPIC:** The Fight for Freedom

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>A Promise of Freedom</i>	social studies article	523	940L
<i>Closer to Freedom</i>	social studies article	456	1000L

## Unit 6 | Communication

### LESSON 18 Focus Question: Does language unite us or divide us?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Analyze Visual Elements

**TOPIC:** Beyond Spoken Words

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Song for a Whale (Parts 1, 2, and 3)</i>	realistic fiction	1,342	710L

### LESSON 19 Focus Question: How have we improved communication over time?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Find Information

**TOPIC:** From Here to There

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>A Visual History of Communication</i>	technology article	435	990L
<i>Live Wires</i>	technology article	642	990L
<i>The Emoji: From Idea to Reality</i>	technology article	459	920L

### LESSON 20 Focus Question: How and why do people speak the same language differently?

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Integrate Information

**TOPIC:** How Do YOU Say It?

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>The Right Word in the Right Place</i>	social studies article	406	880L
<i>A Different Kind of Dictionary</i>	social studies article	548	960L
<i>Eating Your Words</i>	social studies article	362	940L
<i>What's That Sign?</i>	social studies article	313	980L

### CONNECT IT

**FOCUS STANDARD:** Find Information, Integrate Information

**TOPIC:** Messages in Code

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Greetings from Earth</i>	science article	443	950L
<i>Reaching Out to Aliens Is a Numbers Game</i>	science article	443	880L

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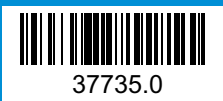
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