Hello Teachers,

Right now, I’m writing to you from my New York City apartment. Like many of you, I’ll be working from home for the foreseeable future. But that doesn’t mean our team at Scholastic News isn’t connecting. We email, text, and chat on video calls (catching glimpses of each other’s living rooms, families, and pets!). Sometimes we even do things the old-fashioned way: talk on the phone.

We’re also keeping in touch via email and Facebook with teachers like you who have reached out to us during this incredibly challenging time. As always, we’re amazed at the determination and passion of America’s educators. You truly are exceptional.

It is uncertain what will be happening when this issue of Scholastic News reaches you. But what is certain is this: We will face it together. I will be holding on to that in the days ahead. And I hope you will too.

Thank you for everything you’re doing to keep your students engaged in learning. And please email me at BDoyle1@Scholastic.com if I can help with content for specific topics and other resources.

All my best,

Bill Doyle,
Executive Editor
Preparing to Read

Watch a Video: Meet Sky Brown
After watching the video, have students answer the following questions: What does Sky think of the Olympics? What is Sky’s message to girls?

Preview Words to Know
Project the online vocabulary slideshow and introduce the Words to Know.
- professional
- postponed

Close-Reading Questions
Go online to download a Skill Builder with these questions.

1. Why does the author refer to Sky as a professional skateboarder? Professional means that a person earns money for doing something. The author refers to Sky as a professional skateboarder because although Sky has fun skateboarding, she also gets paid to do it. RI.3.4 Domain-Specific Vocabulary

2. What is the section “Board Baby” mostly about? The section is mostly about how Sky’s father inspired her to start skateboarding. It also tells about when Sky began skating in competitions and winning championships. RI.3.2 Main Idea

3. What is the purpose of the sidebar “What’s Your Game Plan?” The sidebar gives advice from Sky on how to make the most of summer. It is meant to inspire readers to try new things and not worry about what other people might think. RI.3.5 Text Features

Skill Building

Featured Skill: Have an Online Discussion
Use the Skill Builder “Digital Discussions” to have students review guidelines for online discussions. Students will then prepare for a discussion on the platform of your choice by planning comments, questions, and responses for classmates. Download the Skill Builder at scholastic.com/sn3. SL.3.1 Collaborative Discussions

About the Article

Learning Objectives
Students will read about Sky Brown’s talents and goals for the future.

Text Structure
Description, Profile

Content-Area Connections
Social-Emotional: Self-Management

Standards Correlations
CCSS: RI.3.1, RI.3.2, RI.3.3, RI.3.4, RI.3.5, RI.3.6, RI.3.7, RI.3.8, RI.3.10, SL.3.1
CASEL: Goal-Setting
NCSS: Individual Development and Identity

Write About It!
Skateboarding is new to the Olympics. What other sport do you think should be added to the Olympics? Explain.
Preventing to Read

Watch a Video: Get Ready for Read-a-Palooza!
Have students watch this video to learn more about how to enter the Scholastic Summer Read-a-Palooza using Home Base.

Watch a Video: Draw Every Day
Check out Jarrett J. Krosoczka’s series “Draw Every Day With JJK” on YouTube.

Preview Words to Know
Project the online vocabulary slideshow and introduce the Words to Know.
• producers • folktales

Close-Reading Questions
Go online to download a Skill Builder with these questions.

1. Summarize the advice Ann M. Martin and Kwame Mbaia have for kids. Both authors encourage kids to read. Martin says reading and writing in a journal can help kids who want to become authors. Mbaia says reading helps you grow your imagination and mind.

2. Explain the inspiration behind the book Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky. Mbaia wanted to bring folktales and stories from West Africa to a new generation of kids.

3. What does Jarrett J. Krosoczka mean when he says the writing process is like fireworks? He means that once all of his thoughts come together, they explode like fireworks, and the words quickly fall onto the pages.

Skill Building

FEATURED SKILL: Comprehend Reading
Use the Skill Builder “Tic-Tac-Toe” to have students respond to comprehension questions about the article. Download the Skill Builder at scholastic.com/sn3.

About the Article

Learning Objectives
Students will explain how the personal experiences of authors influence their writing.

Text Structure
Question and Answer

Content-Area Connections
English-Language Arts: Author’s Craft

Standards Correlations
CCSS: RI.3.1, RI.3.2, RI.3.3, RI.3.4, RI.3.5, RI.3.6, RI.3.7, RI.3.8, RI.3.10, L.3.4, SL.3.1

Bright Ideas from Scholastic News teachers

“I share the Scholastic News Student Password Letter with parents and guardians. It provides them with directions to access Scholastic News articles, videos, and more at home. You can find it on the website.”

—Elizabeth Horvat, Meadville, PA
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Pacific Ocean

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2. 1953

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