

ACTION Fall Planning Calendar September—December 2009

High-interest content
for low-level readers

FEATURE:	PROFILE	DEBATE	READERS THEATER PLAY	TRUE TEEN STORY	CURRICULUM CONNECTION	REAL-LIFE READING & WRITING
SKILLS:	VOCABULARY	WRITING	DECODING AND FLUENCY	READING AND TEST-TAKING	CRITICAL THINKING/ CONTENT AREA VOCAB	PRACTICAL LITERACY
Sept. 7	Contractions	Fact vs. opinion	<i>Fame</i> , a play based on a new teen movie musical; phonics practice	A formerly homeless teen's story; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Science: The rise of sports injuries; includes a 1-page critical thinking activity	Scheduling your time
Sept. 21	Possessives versus plurals	Using quotations	A play adapted from a young adult novel by Julia Alvarez, <i>Finding Miracles</i> ; phonics practice	A teen discovers her Latina heritage through dance; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Cultural Awareness: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month; includes a 1-page critical thinking activity	Reading Internet search results
Oct. 5	Prefixes	Supporting an opinion	An original play based on the life of basketball superstar Michael Jordan; phonics practice	A teen who is working to save animals; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Current Events: Why the economy is important to teens; includes a 1-page math activity	Reading nutrition labels
Oct. 26	Suffixes	Topic sentences	<i>Tell Tale</i> , from a movie based on an Edgar Allen Poe story; phonics practice	A teen comedian; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	Poetry: Scary, spooky poems; includes a 1-page critical thinking/poetry activity	Reading an index
Nov. 9–23	SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE WITH FOUR READERS THEATER PLAYS!					
Dec. 7	Root/base words	Taking notes	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> , based on a new movie starring Jim Carrey; phonics practice	A teen learns the value of volunteering; includes a 10-question reading comprehension quiz	History: The little-known history of popular holidays; includes a 1-page timeline activity	Comparing prices

Note: Editorial calendar subject to change