



CLASSROOM MAGAZINES

Scholastic Choices® Reinforces Skills



Choices magazine helps teenagers become active members of their community and learn important practical life skills as they grow as problem solvers. Through the various articles in *Choices*, students can critically think about and analyze complex issues relevant to their personal, social, and communal lives in an engaging and enriching manner.

The following essential skills are addressed in *Choices*:

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Read aloud independently.
- Practice conversation skills through discussions of the text.
- Practice communication and public speaking skills through debates:
 - Present an opinion with supporting facts
- Learn and use new vocabulary words.
- Practice fluency and listening skills through read-alouds and discussions.

WRITING

- Practice writing in different genres, including:
 - Opinion pieces
 - Personal narratives
 - Letters
 - Short-answer questions
 - Short and long essays
- Practice grammar skills, such as:
 - Sentence structure
 - Punctuation
 - Parts of speech
 - Spelling
 - Editing skills
- Practice writing well-structured paragraphs with supporting details.
- Use graphic organizers to enhance understanding of the text.
- Practice research skills through various activities.
- Respond to a variety of topics and genres in writing.

READING COMPREHENSION

- Experience reading as an enjoyable and useful activity.
- Read a variety of nonfiction texts within one issue:
 - Opinion pieces
 - Interviews
 - Debates
 - Poetry
- Practice fluency through read alouds.
- Use proof from the text to develop an opinion.
- Answer questions based on the text.
- Practice using a variety of nonfiction features, such as:
 - Headlines
 - Sidebars
 - Photo captions
 - Charts, graphs, and maps
- Read, analyze, and write about topics across different curricular subjects:
 - Current events
 - Social skills
 - Personal and social issues
 - Social studies and government

CRITICAL THINKING

- Read about and analyze a variety of relevant issues and topics.
- Gain a deep understanding of complex issues through discussions and debates about texts.
- Reflect on a variety of personal issues through writing.
- Develop theories and opinions based on the text.

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Scholastic Choices for Grades 7–12

LIFE SKILLS

Learn skills practical and relevant to teenagers including:

- **Health**
 - Nutrition
 - Physical fitness
 - Substance abuse
- **Personal responsibility**
 - Social action
 - Community
 - Friendship
 - Civic duty
- **Family issues**
 - Parent/children relationships
 - Sibling relationships
 - Divorce/stepfamilies
 - Teen pregnancy
- **Practical everyday life skills**
 - Personal safety
 - Organizational skills
 - Consumer skills
 - Social skills
 - Home and domestic skills
 - Recipes and cooking
 - Financial skills and advice
- **Career and future**
 - Career profiles
 - Setting career goals
 - Exploring career options
 - Profiles of real-life working teenagers

TEST PREPARATION

- Practice answering questions similar to those on standardized tests.
- Practice general test-taking skills.
- Build test-taking stamina through practice questions.
- Answer different types of questions in preparation for standardized tests, such as:
 - Multiple choice
 - Short answer open-ended questions
 - Long answer open-ended questions

TECHNOLOGY

- Practice basic computer and technology skills, such as:
 - Using computer hardware
 - Internet research

Monthly articles teach teenagers about the dangers of alcohol and drug use.

"Your Life" articles offer concrete suggestions and solutions for a variety of practical life skills.

Articles help teenagers critically think about and debate issues important for their lives and well-being.

Students are exposed to a variety of career advice.



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