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UNIT 1: Acts of Nature				
LESSON 1: Burning Mountain	Science Social Studies	Main Idea and Details	Suffixes	News Story
LESSON 2: Hurricane Warning	Science Social Studies	Cause and Effect	Multiple-Meaning Words	Persuasive Email
LESSON 3: The Dark Sun	Language Arts Science	Elements of a Play	Adverbs	Character Analysis
UNIT 2: We the People				
LESSON 4: The Road to Citizenship	Language Arts Social Studies	Main Idea	Root Words	Personal Narrative
LESSON 5: A Song for the Nation	Social Studies	Sequence	Irregular Past-Tense Verbs	Summary
LESSON 6: Casting Your Vote	Language Arts Social Studies	Point of View	Subject and Object Pronouns	Speech
UNIT 3: Our Global Community				
LESSON 7: Danger in the Water	Science Social Studies	Cause and Effect	Linking Verbs	Compare and Contrast
LESSON 8: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle	Mathematics Science Social Studies	Compare and Contrast	Homophones	Editorial
LESSON 9: Doing My Part	Language Arts Social Studies	Inferences and Conclusions	Direct Quotations	Email
UNIT 4: Exploring New Lands				
LESSON 10: Setting Sail Across America	Social Studies	Facts and Opinions	Synonyms	Letter
LESSON 11: Mission to Mars	Mathematics Science	Predictions	Antonyms	Sequence
LESSON 12: Imaginary Worlds	Language Arts	Analyzing Language	Action and Helping Verbs	Writing a Story

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UNIT 2: Beyond Earth				
LESSON 4: Connected Through Space and Time	Science	Details	Subject-Verb Agreement	Compare and Contrast
LESSON 5: Cleaning Up Space	Science	Cause and Effect	Adjectives	Persuasive Paragraph
LESSON 6: Another World	Language Arts Science	Parts of a Story	Homophones	Journal Entry
UNIT 3: Obstacles and Achievements				
LESSON 7: New Ideas, New Inventions	Science Social Studies	Predictions	Irregular Past-Tense Verbs	News Story
LESSON 8: Wonders of the World	Mathematics Social Studies	Facts and Opinions	Multiple-Meaning Words	How-To
LESSON 9: Racing for the Prize	Language Arts	Author's Purpose	Pronouns and Antecedents	Compare and Contrast
UNIT 4: On the Job				
LESSON 10: Artists of All Kinds	Social Studies	Inferences and Conclusions	Antonyms	Opinion
LESSON 11: Into the Fire	Social Studies	Compare and Contrast	Prepositional Phrases	Informational
LESSON 12: Strength and Character	Language Arts	Analyzing Language	Uncountable Nouns	Summary

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LESSON 2: <i>Navigating New Places</i>	Social Studies	Main Idea	Complex Sentences	Journal Entry
LESSON 3: <i>Loyalty and Love</i>	Language Arts	Analyze Characters	Pronouns	Personal Reflection
UNIT 2: By the Numbers				
LESSON 4: <i>The Basics of Bar Codes</i>	Mathematics Science	Sequence	Suffixes	Summary
LESSON 5: <i>A Secret Communication</i>	Mathematics Social Studies	Recalling Details	Confusing Words	Analysis
LESSON 6: <i>How Much?</i>	Language Arts	Characterization	Adverbs	Compare and Contrast
UNIT 3: Choices				
LESSON 7: <i>The Science of Weather Forecasting</i>	Science	Inferences	Prefixes	Descriptive Paragraph
LESSON 8: <i>What Will You Eat?</i>	Science Social Studies	Cause and Effect	Colons and Semicolons	Opinion
LESSON 9: <i>Thinking About the Future</i>	Language Arts	Theme	Coordinating and Subordinate Conjunctions	Personal Narrative
UNIT 4: Fun and Entertainment				
LESSON 10: <i>The Ride of Your Life</i>	Mathematics Science	Facts and Opinions	Multiple-Meaning Words	Informational Paragraph
LESSON 11: <i>The Ultimate Movie Experience</i>	Science Social Studies	Compare and Contrast	Roots and Root Words	Movie Review
LESSON 12: <i>Game Time</i>	Language Arts	Figurative Language	Relative Pronouns	How-To

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