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What waits Beneath? Pat O'Toole has always idolized his older brother, Coop. He's even helped Coop with some of his crazier plans -- such as risking his life to help his big brother dig a tunnel underneath their neighborhood in the suburbs of Washington, DC. Coop is . . . different. He doesn't talk on the phone, doesn't use email, and doesn't have friends. He's never really cared for anything but the thrill of being underground and Pat. So it's no surprise to anyone -- even Pat -- that after a huge fight with their parents, Coop runs away. Exactly one year later, Pat receives a package containing a digital voice recorder and a cryptic message from his brother. He follows the clues to New York City, and soon discovers that Coop has joined the Community, a self-sufficient society living beneath the streets. Now it's up to Pat to find his brother -- and bring him home. EXCERPT: From BENEATH Exactly one year to the day after my brother, Coop, ditched me, I got a package in the mail. It came to the school, not our house. The secretary handed me the package with a warning that I was never to use the school as my personal address. I was going to tell her that I hadn't when I saw my name: Pat Meatloaf O'Toole scrawled in Coop's familiar handwriting. Meatloaf is

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not my real middle name. I told her I would never do it again, grabbed the package, locked myself in a restroom stall, and tore the box open. Inside was a handheld digital voice recorder, a supply of memory sticks, and a note written on a greasy hamburger wrapper: "Lil Bro, Pat, just turn the recorder to Play, and I'll explain what you're supposed to do with this. DO NOT share with parents. This is just between you and me. Your big bro, Coop . . ." I made sure the restroom was empty and switched on the recorder. Praise for TENTACLES: "A high-octane page-turner that will reel readers in and keep them riveted."

--SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL "Swashbuckling adventure, narrow escapes, sea monsters: The fascinating science of cryptids and Smith's fast-paced story will capture the imagination of any action-loving reader." --BOOKPAGE Praise for the STORM RUNNERS series: "A breakneck read, perfectly geared to the restless and reluctant." --BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS "This slice of natural disaster . . . offers nary a dull moment. A high-velocity page-turner . . ." --KIRKUS REVIEWS

In the third installment of The Underland Chronicles, Gregor must stop a plague from spreading through the Underland. In the third installment of The Underland Chronicles, Gregor must stop a plague from spreading through the Underland.

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old

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sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

While visiting the small town of Yonwood, North Carolina, eleven-year-old Nickie makes some decisions about how to identify both good and evil when she witnesses the townspeople's reactions to the apocalyptic visions of one of their neighbors. The stunning conclusion to Suzanne Collins's Gregor the Overlander series will have a fresh new cover on July 1st! The final book in the NYT bestselling Underland Chronicles! Everyone in the Underland has been taking great pains to keep The Prophecy of Time from Gregor. Gregor suspected it says something awful but he never imagined just how awful: It calls for the warrior's death. Now, with an army of rats approaching and his mom and sister still in Regalia, Gregor the warrior must gather up his courage to help defend Regalia and get his family home safely. The entire existence of the Underland is in Gregor's hands, and time is running out. There is a code to be cracked, a mysterious new princess, Gregor's burgeoning dark side, and a war to end all wars.

Joseph M. Marshall's thoughtful, illuminating account of how the spiritual beliefs of the Lakota people can help us all lead more meaningful, ethical lives. Rich with storytelling, history, and folklore, The

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Lakota Way expresses the heart of Native American philosophy and reveals the path to a fulfilling and meaningful life. Joseph Marshall is a member of the Sicunga Lakota Sioux and has dedicated his entire life to the wisdom he learned from his elders. Here he focuses on the twelve core qualities that are crucial to the Lakota way of life--bravery, fortitude, generosity, wisdom, respect, honor, perseverance, love, humility, sacrifice, truth, and compassion. Whether teaching a lesson on respect imparted by the mythical Deer Woman or the humility embodied by the legendary Lakota leader Crazy Horse, The Lakota Way offers a fresh outlook on spirituality and ethical living.

Writer Suzanne Collins was forty-six when she published "The Hunger Games," a novel for young adults set in a dark future where North America has been obliterated by war and climate change. The residents of Collins's dystopia are forced to send their children to fight to the death in a sadistic game created by the government. The book wrestles with meaty themes: the effect of war, the dangers of voyeurism in popular culture, and how governments use hunger and threats of violence to control populations. This new edition details Collins's life before the Hunger Games, from the first eighteen years of her writing career in television to her well-received children's book series called The Underland Chronicles. Later chapters explore the phenomenal

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and unexpected success of the Hunger Games series, a franchise which has a net revenue of over four billion dollars to date.

With more than 3.5 million copies sold, the City of Ember books are modern-day classics. Lina and Doon's heart-pounding journey to save their people has captivated readers around the world, and the four adventures are bound together here for the very first time! Escape the Dark. Discover the Adventure. The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. But now with terrifying blackouts sweeping through the streets, Lina and Doon know it's only a matter of time before the lights go out and never come back on again. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she and Doon explore long-forgotten parts of their dying city as they race to solve the mystery. If they succeed, they will have to convince everyone to follow them into danger and an exciting new world. But if they fail? The lights will burn out and the darkness will close in forever. The series begins with the groundbreaking dystopian novel *The City of Ember*, the story of a girl, a boy, and their beleaguered city. Through the sequel, *The People of Sparks*, the satisfying conclusion, *The Diamond of Darkhold*, and the prequel, *The Prophet of Yonwood*, author Jeanne DuPrau offers a vision of hope that, while sometimes flickering against the darkness, ultimately shines through, like the bright dawning of a new world.

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It's only a few months since Gregor and Boots returned from the Underland, leaving their mother behind to heal from the plague. Though Gregor's family receives frequent updates on her condition, they all know Gregor must return to fulfill his role as the warrior who is key to the Underlanders' survival. The hilarious first book in a middle-grade fantasy trilogy about the magical rivers that run through the sewers of London and shape history in ways you'd never learn in school. Magic is real. History is a big, fat lie. Before Hyacinth Hayward moves from Illinois to London, she reads up on the city's history. Too bad for her. Because the books are wrong. The truth is, London was built on magical rivers, and all the major events in its past have been about people trying to control the magic. Hyacinth discovers this when her mom is kidnapped. In the chase to get her back, Hyacinth encounters a giant intelligent pig in a bathing suit, a boy with amnesia, an adorable tosher (whatever that is), a sarcastic old lady, and a very sketchy unicorn. Somehow Hyacinth has to figure out who to trust, so she can save her mom and, oh yeah, not cause a second Great Fire of London.

The highly acclaimed first book of a fantasy adventure series set in a mysterious forest, starring a daring new hero. "Readers will thrill to journey with Jinx" (SLJ, starred review), a wizard's apprentice, as he sets off on a quest through the dangerous Urwald, a magical forest full of wizards and were-creatures, and discovers that it is more complex than he could imagine, and that it needs him more than he could ever guess. This humorous and smart tween fantasy adventure is perfect for fans of Septimus Heap, The Sisters Grimm, and Fablehaven. Supports the Common Core State Standards Explores ancient Hawaiian civilization and culture and introduces the people of old Hawaii, including chiefs, priests, and working people.

Fall underground to a magical land where a prophecy is soon

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to come true. Surpass all expectations with thought-provoking activities. Students give meaning to sentences from the novel. Write the true version of false statements from the book. Determine what a metaphor is and find an example from the story. Recall in detail the complete prophecy as told to Gregor. Choose the definition that matches the underlined vocabulary word from the text. Students explore the concept of betrayal and reflect on a time in which they experienced this. Students create their own Underland and write a short story about how to get there. Compare the Overland and Underland in a graphic organizer. Aligned to your State Standards, additional crossword, word search, comprehension quiz and answer key are also included. About the Novel: Gregor the Overlander is a story of a fantastical world deep beneath the surface of the earth. Gregor is home alone in New York City watching his baby sister and grandmother. After his sister falls through a grate in the basement, Gregor follows her deep underground into a new world. The Underland is filled with humans whose skin is almost see-through, giant bats, rats, mice, and fireflies. A conflict between the human city of Regalia and the rats is creating panic among the inhabitants. It's not until a prophecy is revealed that Gregor finds himself involved in plans to save the Underland. Gregor the Overlander is an epic story of fantasy and destiny.

Suzanne Collins' dystopian trilogy envisions a world where survival and violence quite literally take the center stage. To maintain order, suppress independence, and punish past rebellions, the Capitol selects two participants, or tributes, from each of the twelve districts to fight in an annual televised death match called the Hunger Games. This compelling edition explores Suzanne Collins' The Hunger Games through the lens of violence. The book provides biographical information about the author and offers a perspective on her

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influences. A series of essays, which discuss aspects of the novel, focusing on Katniss, her struggles, and the meaning and impact of violence, allow readers to gain a greater insight into the intersection between social issues and literature.

Gregor and Boots must return to the Underland to help ward off a plague. It is spreading fast, and when it claims one of Gregor's family, he begins to truly understand his role in the Prophecy of Blood. Gregor must summon all his power to end the biological warfare that threatens the fate of every warmblooded creature.

Werewolf barista Julie and her new girlfriend go on a date to a close-up magic show, but all heck breaks loose when the magician casts a horrible spell on their friend Chet. Now it's up to the team of mythical pals to stop the illicit illusionist before it's too late. The first chapter of the brand-new, all-ages, magical, coffee-laden adventure from Lumberjanes creator GRACE ELLIS and talented newcomer SHAE BEAGLE.

Nelsen's popular Positive Discipline philosophy is used in hundreds of schools as a foundation for fostering cooperation, problem-solving skills, and mutual respect in children. In this latest edition, teachers learn how to create and maintain an atmosphere where learning can take place--and where students and teachers can work together to solve problems.

Jennifer A. Nielsen, author of the NYT and USA TODAY bestselling Ascendance Trilogy, has woven an electrifying tale of greed and power, magic and destiny, and one boy's courage at the heart of it all. When Nic, a slave in the mines outside of Rome, is forced to enter a sealed cavern containing the lost treasures of Julius Caesar, he finds much more than gold and gemstones:

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He discovers an ancient bulla, an amulet that belonged to the great Caesar and is filled with a magic once reserved for the Gods -- magic some Romans would kill for. Now, with the deadly power of the bulla pulsing through his veins, Nic is determined to become free. But instead, he finds himself at the center of a ruthless conspiracy to overthrow the emperor and spark the Praetor War, a battle to destroy Rome from within. Traitors and spies lurk at every turn, each more desperate than the next to use Nic's newfound powers for their own dark purposes. In a quest to stop the rebellion, save Rome, and secure his own freedom, Nic must harness the magic within himself and defeat the empire's most powerful and savage leaders.

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From the critically acclaimed New York Times bestselling author Sharon Kay Penman comes the story of the reign of King Baldwin IV and the Kingdom of Jerusalem's defense against Saladin's famous army. The Kingdom of Jerusalem, also known as Outremer, is the land far beyond the sea. Baptized in blood when the men of the First Crusade captured Jerusalem from the Saracens in the early twelfth century, the kingdom defined an utterly new world, a land of blazing heat and a medley of cultures, a place where enemies were neighbors and neighbors became enemies. At the helm of this growing kingdom sits young Baldwin IV, an intelligent and courageous boy committed to the welfare and protection

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of his people. But despite Baldwin's dedication to his land, he is afflicted with leprosy at an early age and the threats against his power and his health nearly outweigh the risk of battle. As political deception scours the halls of the royal court, the Muslim army--led by the first sultan of Egypt and Syria, Saladin--is never far from the kingdom's doorstep, and there are only a handful Baldwin can trust, including the archbishop William of Tyre and Lord Balian d'Ibelin, a charismatic leader who has been one of the few able to maintain the peace. Filled with drama and battle, tragedy and romance, Sharon Kay Penman's latest novel brings a definitive period of history vividly alive with a tale of power and glory that will resonate with readers today.

In this State Standards-aligned Literature Kit, we divide Suzanne Collins' classic GREGOR THE OVERLANDER by chapters, and feature reading comprehension and vocabulary questions.

A tour de force that echoes modern classics like *Suite Francaise* and *The Postmistress*. "Housekeeper or housewife?" the soldier asks Silvana as she and eight-year-old Aurek board the ship that will take them from Poland to England at the end of World War II. There her husband, Janusz, is already waiting for them at the little house at 22 Britannia Road. But the war has changed them all so utterly that they'll barely recognize one another when they are reunited. "Survivor," she answers. Silvana and Aurek spent the war hiding in the forests of Poland. Wild, almost feral Aurek doesn't know how to tie his own shoes or sleep in a bed. Janusz is an Englishman now-determined to forget Poland, forget his

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own ghosts from the way, and begin a new life as a proper English family. But for Silvana, who cannot escape the painful memory of a shattering wartime act, forgetting is not a possibility. One of the most searing debuts to come along in years, *22 Britannia Road* is the wrenching chronicle of how these damaged people try to become, once again, a true family. An unforgettable novel that cries out for discussion, it is a powerful story of primal maternal love, overcoming hardship, and, ultimately, acceptance—one that will pierce your heart. Read all five books in the New York Times bestselling *Gregor: The Underland Chronicles*! When Gregor follows his little sister through a grate in the laundry room of their New York apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland beneath the city. There, humans live uneasily beside giant spiders, bats, cockroaches, and rats—but the fragile peace is about to fall apart. Gregor wants no part in this conflict, but again and again, he and his family are drawn into the Underland. Gregor must find his place in the frightening prophecies he encounters, the strength to protect his family, and the courage to defend against an army of giant rats. In this action-packed and masterful series, Suzanne Collins unfolds the fate of the Underland and its great warrior, Gregor the Overlander.

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building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. Gregor wants no part of it -- until he realizes it's the only way to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. Reluctantly, Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both him and the Underland forever. This unforgettable novel by Suzanne Collins, the international bestselling author of the Hunger Games series, is rich in suspense and brimming with adventure.

Spies have reported the sighting of a Rat King in the Underland, a character who has been legendary since the Middle Ages. Recognizable by its tremendous size and snow-white coat, the Rat King is destined to bring a World War to the Underland.

Twelve-year-old Barney Willow gets his wish to be a cat but soon discovers that not all felines are cute and cuddly--some are downright evil--and his life is in grave danger, but his missing father may be able to help.

The adventure continues in this action-packed second book in The Underland Chronicles by Suzanne Collins, New York Times bestselling author of The Hunger Games! Months have passed since Gregor first fell into the strange Underland beneath New York City, and he swears he will never go back. But he is destined to be a key player in another prophecy, this one about an ominous white rat called the Bane. The Underlanders know there is only one way to lure Gregor back to their world: by kidnapping his little sister, Boots. Gregor's quest reunites him with his bat, Ares, and the rebellious princess, Luxa. They descend into the dangerous Waterway in search of the Bane, and Gregor knows what is at stake. If

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he does not fulfill the prophecy, his life, and the Underland, will never be the same.

In her trilogy of *The Hunger Games*, Collins imagined a society where children are forced to train as warriors and then fight each other to the death in a gruesome annual tradition. Her stories teach her readers about the complexities of war, and make comments on modern society. Dystopian novels are not new to young readers, and this book introduces you to Collins's inspirations and sources.

The national bestselling author of *The Sword, The Ring and The Chalice* returns the royal court intrigue, the castle secrets, and the crown scandals of her acclaimed trilogy. The throne was her destiny, until Princess Pheresa lost her groom, Mandria's heir, to the dark magic that consumed him. Now Pheresa's fate is uncertain, even when the great King Verence names her Princess Royal, because the title comes with one condition: She must take Lervan, a man of acceptable birth and rank, as her husband. Reluctantly, she agrees. Then, without warning, the old king dies. And Pheresa succeeds to the throne. But all is not well. Many fear that Pheresa has been weakened by the evil magic. Her enemies are strong. Her husband plots against her. And her only ally is the last man she would ever choose—and the one man she should never love.

NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author Suzanne Collins has created a deeply moving autobiographical picture book about a father who must go off to the war in Vietnam -- and the daughter who stays behind. When young Suzy's father leaves for Vietnam, she struggles to understand what this means for her and her family. What is the jungle like? Will her father be safe? When will he return? The months slip by, marked by the passing of the familiar holidays and the postcards that her father sends. With each one, he feels more and more distant, until Suzy isn't sure she'd even recognize her father

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anymore. This heartfelt and accessible picture book by Suzanne Collins, the NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of the Hunger Games series, is accompanied by James Proimos's sweet and funny illustrations. This picture book will speak to any child who has had to spend time away from a parent.

Told from the perspective of a seventeen-year-old boy in love with a mysterious girl who seems to have an unearthly ability to heal, but the ability carries quite a cost.

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A New York Times Bestseller The host of The Daily Show, Trevor Noah, tells the story of growing up half black, half white in South Africa under and after apartheid in this young readers' adaptation of his bestselling adult memoir Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood. BORN A CRIME IS SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE STARRING OSCAR WINNER LUPITA NYONG'O Trevor Noah, the funny guy who hosts The Daily Show on Comedy Central, shares his remarkable story of growing up in South Africa with a black South African mother and a white European father at a time when it was against the law for a mixed-race child to exist. But he did exist--and from the beginning, the often-misbehaved Trevor used his keen smarts and humor to navigate a harsh life under a racist government. This fascinating memoir blends drama, comedy, and tragedy to depict the day-to-day trials that turned a boy into a young man. In a country where

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racism barred blacks from social, educational, and economic opportunity, Trevor surmounted staggering obstacles and created a promising future for himself, thanks to his mom's unwavering love and indomitable will. It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime not only provides a fascinating and honest perspective on South Africa's racial history, but it will also astound and inspire young readers looking to improve their own lives. "Through the foreign, the familiar, and the funny, Born a Crime is a piercing reminder that every mad life--even yours--could end up a masterpiece." --JASON REYNOLDS, New York Times bestselling author "His mother raised him with an imagination and showed that there were no barriers to whatever he wanted to be. Readers will find this journey through Noah's formative years humorous and exciting." --BOOKLIST "Startling in its honesty, humor, and humility." --KIRKUS REVIEWS "For readers who will appreciate and understand how a parent's love enabled Noah to become the successful man he is now." --SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

A book of brilliant, adventurous stories from the award-winning Doug Dorst. With the publication of his debut novel, *Alive in Necropolis*, Doug Dorst was widely celebrated as one of the most creative, original literary voices of his generation-an heir to T.C. Boyle and Denis Johnson, a northern California Haruki Murakami. Now, in his second book, *The Surf Guru*, his full talent is on display, revealing an ability to explore worlds and capture characters that other writers have not yet discovered. In the title story, an old surfing-champion-turned-surfwear- entrepreneur sits on his ocean-front

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balcony watching a new generation of surfers come of age on the waves, all but one of whom wear wet suits emblazoned with the Surf Guru's name. An acid-tongued, pioneering botanist who has been exiled from the academy composes a series of scurrilous (and hilarious) biographical sketches of his colleagues and rivals, inadvertently telling his own story. A pair of twenty-first-century drifters course through a series of unusual adventures in their dilapidated car, chased west out of one town and into the next, dreaming of hitting the Pacific. Dorst's characters have all successfully cultivated a particular expertise, and yet they remain intent on moving toward the horizon, seeking hope in something new. Likewise, each of Dorst's stories is a virtuoso performance balancing humor and insight, achieving a perfect pitch, pulsing with a gritty and punchy, distinctly American realism- and yet always pushing on into the unexpected, taking us some place new.

The suspenseful third installment in *The Underland Chronicles* by Suzanne Collins, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Hunger Games*! With two prophecies fulfilled, Gregor is now focused on the Prophecy of Blood, which calls for Gregor and "the princess," Boots, to return to the Underland to help ward off a plague. His mom agrees to let them go -- on the condition that she travels with them. When they arrive in the subterranean city, the plague is spreading -- and one of Gregor's family is stricken. Only then does he understand his role in the prophecy. He must summon all his power to end the biological warfare, or the

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warmblood creatures of the Underland will die. The adventure continues in the third book in Suzanne Collins's New York Times bestselling middle grade series.

A boy who likes nothing but playing computer games is in trouble when the power goes out and his little sister has all of the batteries in the house.

When eleven-year-old Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats and giant cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. Gregor has a vital role to play in the Underland's uncertain future.

When Gregor and his little sister discover a strange underground city beneath their New York apartment, he becomes the unwilling participant in a conflict involving giant spiders, bats, cockroaches, rats, and humans. When fearful seven-year-old Alvin Ho learns that his mother is expecting a baby, he develops a sympathetic pregnancy and hilarity definitely ensues. Illustrations.

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