

**ISSUES 21**

## Welcome to Issues 21

Social Studies and Science

Inquiry through literature

The **Issues 21** Scholastic Education book series explores cutting-edge social issues through an inquiry lens. Each non-fiction text promotes critical thinking skills with high-interest topics and overarching inquiry questions that engage students in a meaningful way. We have paired this non-fiction resource with novels that support the topic and provide for meaningful discussion and inquiry. Each topic has additional resources found online; passwords are provided for access.

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## Health



SSKT - 0296

Today, people are eating frozen dinners, packaged foods, and take-out meals more than ever before. This is impacting society's health, nutrition, and lifestyle. Do you know what you're eating and what it's doing to you? This unit explores several topics underlining food such as the problem of obesity, unhealthy eating habits, what nutritional value is in our food. Students will look at different regions of the world where people live much longer and look at the contributing factors for this.

Supporting resources found at:

<http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/health4/food4.html> Password : FD2Qr5nz

Contents:

This kit contains 4 student copies of Issues 21 Food, 1 copy of the teacher's guide and 1 copy of supporting materials

6 copies of

"Hungry "by H.A. Swain

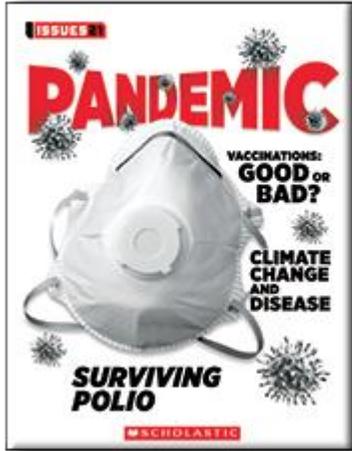
"The girl at the Center of the World" by Austin Aslan

"Under the Empyrean Sky" by Chuck Wendig

"The Scavengers" by Michael Perry

"Initiation" by Virginia Frances Schwartz

"Ashen Winter"/Mike Mullin

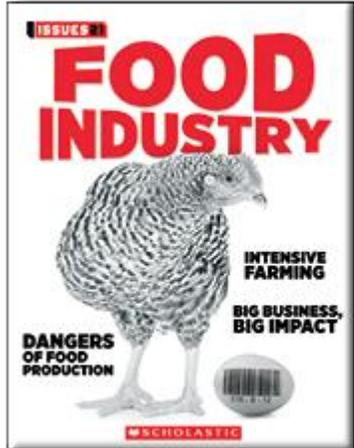


Pandemic

SSKT - 0306

Throughout history, deadly diseases have threatened or destroyed millions of lives. Some diseases have been conquered, but others remain at large. This **Issues 21** kit addresses the question "How can we prevent the next pandemic?". This kit provides access to videos and additional resources at: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/health4/pandemic4.html> password: PDnfbBMi Mosquitoes surviving in a broader habitat and spreading diseases to a wide range of people and the mistreatment of Indigenous people due to inadequate health care, are a few of the topics discussed.

This kit contains 6 copies of  
"Eleventh Plague"/Jeff Hirsch  
"Inhuman"/ Kat Falls  
"The Loners- Quarantine"/ Lex Thomas  
"Code Orange"/Caroline B. Cooney  
"Alex Rider-Crocodile Tears"/Anthony Horowitz  
"Champion"/Marie Lu  
4 copies of **Issues 21**, 1 copy of Teacher's guide,  
1 copy of Supporting materials



Food Industry

SSKT - 0297

Most of our food doesn't come directly from farms to our plates as it used to. It now involves the food industry, the people and services that grow, process, transport, and sell our food. How does that change what we eat? What is responsible food production? This kit addresses the question- "How is the food industry affecting our health and our environment?" This kit has videos, websites and articles that can be used to help the students gather information on this topic.

Website: [http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/health4/food\\_industry4.html](http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/health4/food_industry4.html) Password: FlaFTyog. The novels that accompany this kit discuss how food plays a major role in our lives and what types of food we are exposed to.

Contains 6 copies of

"Fat Cat" by Robin Brande

"Chu Ju's House" by Gloria Whelan

"Butter" / Erin Jade Lange

"Rootless" / Chris Howard

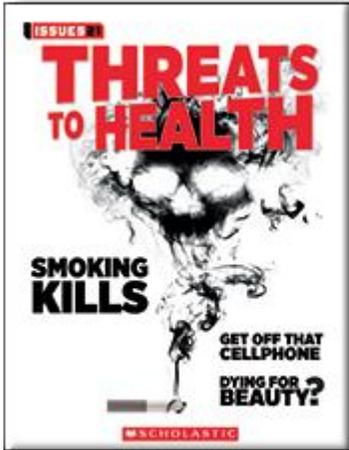
"Chew on This" / Eric Schlosser

"Insatiable" / Eve Eliot

4 copies of the student's guide "Food Industry"

1 copy of Supporting materials;

1 copy of teacher's guide to "Food Industry"



Threats to Health

SSKT - 0309

As society changes, so do health threats such as diets and lifestyles. Some germs are becoming resistant to medications. What are the modern health threats and what can we do to reduce them? This kit addresses the question, "How does our lifestyle threaten our health?" Issues that threaten our health from skin cancer to obesity, are explored through media literacy, global connections and science. The books in the kit allow students to explore different threats to our health and how these threats have changed through history. Additional resources can be found at: [http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/health4/threats\\_hlth4.html](http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/health4/threats_hlth4.html)

Password: THmi0Wtx

This kit contains 6 copies each of

"Empty" by K. M. Walton

"The Adoration of Jenna Fox" by Mary E. Pearson

"Ashes, Ashes" by Jo Treggiari

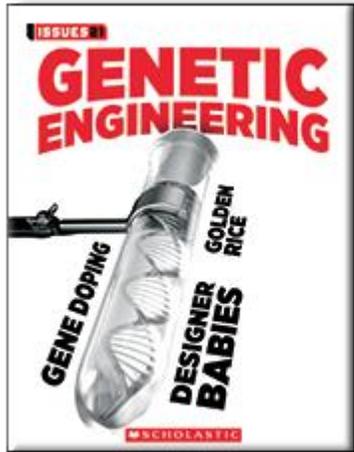
"Skinny" by Donna Cooner

"Me and Earl and the Dying Girl" by Jesse Andrews

"Get Well Soon" by Julie Halpern

4 copies of student's guide to "Threats to Health"

1 copy of teacher's guide to "Threats to Health"



Genetic Engineering

SSKT - 0299

Genetic engineering sparks much debate. From crops that resist insects to bananas that produce vaccines, how do we decide whether this technology helps or hinders society? The inquiry Question is "What role should genetic engineering play in society?" The issues 21 website gives access to anchor videos and additional resources. The website is meant to support and extend learning on issues surrounding Genetic

Engineering: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/health4/genetic-eng4.html>

Password is GEdSX3Py

Contents: This kit contains 6 titles each of

"Double helix " by Nancy Werlin

"The lab" by Jack Heath

"Double identity" by Margaret Peterson Haddix

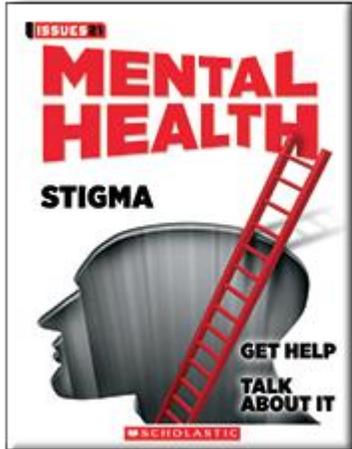
"Leviathian" by Scott Westerfeld

"The originals" by Cat Patrick

"The Clone Codes" by The McKissacks

"Dr.Franklin's Island" by Ann Halam

Teacher's guide Genetic Engineering and 4 copies of **Issues 21** 'Genetic Engineering'



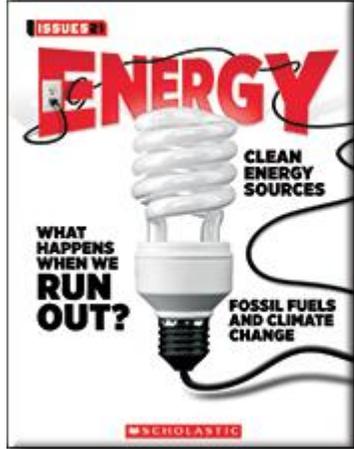
Mental Health

SSKT - 0301

Many Canadians face mental health **issues**. Yet, many are ashamed to admit that they are struggling with it. How can we reduce the stigma of mental illness and help those around us? What can we do to maintain our own mental health? What are the costs of ignoring mental health? Additional resources can be found at: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/health4/mentalhealth4.html> password is 'MHen1nt0'. There is a suggested list of picture books for this topic as well.

Contents: This kit contains 6 copies each of  
"The Boy in the Burning House" by Tim Wynne-Jones  
"Cut" by Patricia McCormick  
"It's kind of a funny story" by Ned Vizzini  
"Choke" by Diana Lopez  
"Insatiable" by Eve Eliot  
and 4 copies of **Issues 21** Mental Health

# Environment



Energy

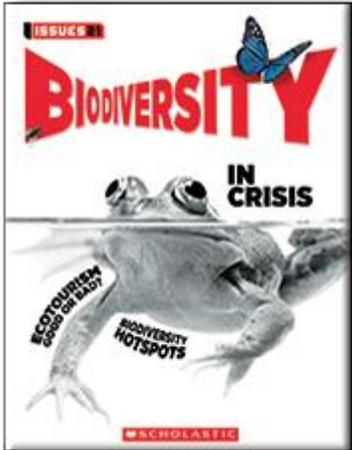
SSKT - 0295

Humans are using more energy than ever before. It's harming our environment and energy sources are running out. This Issue 21 deals with Energy and addresses the question - How can we power our world without destroying it? Some topics include: How energy affects our lives and our beliefs surrounding our relationship with the environment, fracking and the oil and gas industry's impact on the environment and the impact of the pipeline on Indigenous lands.

Additional resources: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/environment/energy.html>  
Password: ENf9phJI.

This kit contains 6 copies of  
"Empty" by Suzanne Weyn  
"Fuzzy Mud" by Louis Sachar  
"The Tomorrow Code" by Brian Falkner  
"Transformers" by Alan Dean Foster  
"Skyship Academy" by Nick James  
4 copies of the student's guide of "Energy"; 1 copy of teacher's guide of "Energy"; 1 copy of support material.

# Environment



Biodiversity

SSKT - 0287

Humans are threatening the Earth's biodiversity and impacting the relationship between living things and the environment. This kit focuses on the question "How do our actions affect biodiversity? Additional resources found

at: [www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/environment/biodiversity.html](http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/environment/biodiversity.html)

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Contents: 6 copies each of

"The Trap" by John Smelcer

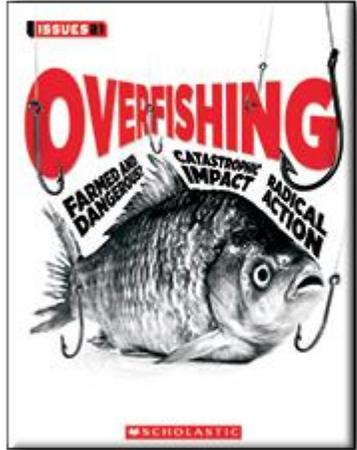
"The Maze" by Will Hobbs

"Lord of the Kill" by Theodore Taylor

"Endangered" by Eliot Schrefer

"Threatened" by Eliot Schrefer

4 copies "Issues 21", Teacher's Guide and Support Materials.



Overfishing

SSKT - 0304

Around the world people depend on fishing to survive. Yet fish and other marine animals are harvested at an unsustainable rate. What are the underlying causes of overfishing and how can we address them? How important is sustainable fishing? This kit addresses the inquiry question "How can we achieve sustainable fishing?" Students will explore how fishing has been a major industry and what role it plays now within our culture. Through watching the video, reading articles and the novels students will develop a personal understanding of the many controversies that exist within this industry and how it impacts our lives. Additional resources can be found

at: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/enviro4/ovrfishn4.html>

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This kit contains 6 copies each of

"Oishinto" by Tetsu Kariya

"Lord of the Deep" by Graham Salisbury

"Bay Girl" by Heather Smith

"The Beast of Cretacea" by Todd Strasser

Student's guide to Overfishing

1 copy of the teacher's guide to "OVERFISHING"

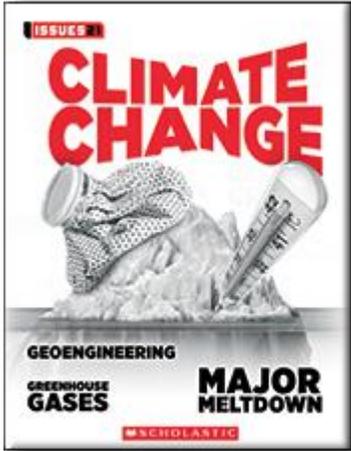
1 copy of supporting materials

1 copy of "What Happens if we Overfish the Oceans?"/Angela Royston

7 copies World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky

1 copy of "Turtle Rescue" by Pamela Hickman

# Environment



Climate Change

SSKT - 0290

Human activity is causing Earth's climate to change. This is having a disastrous impact on the environment and us. How can we address the causes and effects of climate change?

The issues 21 website gives access to anchor videos, additional resources, and a full list of sources of issues 21 books. The website is meant to support and extend learning on issues surrounding climate change. The website

is <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/enviro4/climate4.html>

Password is CLro5kob

Contents: This kit contains 6 titles each of

"Dark Life " by Kat Falls

"Rip tide" by Kat Falls

"Birthmarked" by Caragh M. O'Brien

"My Wounded Island"/Jacques Pasquet

"The carbon diaries" by Saci Lloyd

"Eye of the Storm" by Kate Messner

"Exodus" by Julie Bertagna

Teacher's guide Climate Change

4 copies of Issues 21 Climate Change



Ocean Pollution

SSKT - 0302

We depend on the oceans for food, employment, transportation, and recreation. The ocean produces oxygen and holds over 30% of the carbon we release into the air. But we treat it poorly; pollute it with plastic, oil, sewage, chemicals, and noise. This kit addresses the inquiry question "How can we stop the destruction of our ocean?" Additional resources found at:

<http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/enviro4/ocean-pollutn4.html>

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Through watching the videos, reading the novels and articles students will be able to discuss and see how they can act on the **issues** facing our oceans. Students may find some solutions that society or their community can start to help stop the pollution in the ocean.

This kit contains: 1 teacher's guide and 4 copies of the student's guide to "Ocean Pollution" by Erika Boas and 1 copy of supporting materials;

6 copies each of:

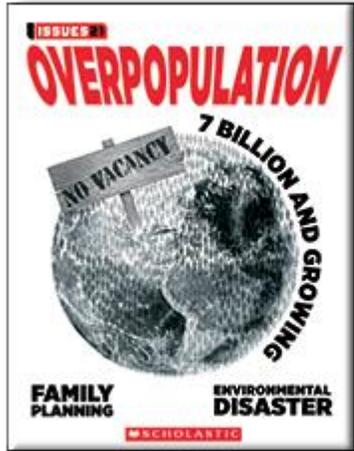
"The Talking Earth" by Jean Craighead George

"Frozen" by Mellisa De La Cruz

"XOC: The Journey of a Great White" by Matt Dembicki

"Flight or Fight" by Diane Haynes

"River Rats" by Caroline Stevermer



Overpopulation

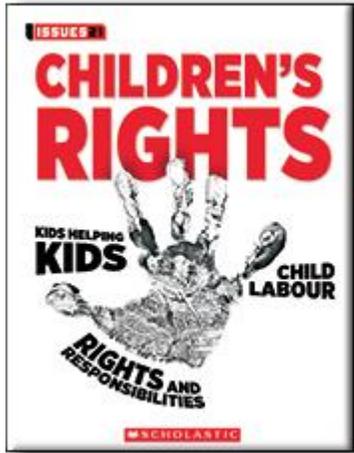
SSKT - 0305

The population of Earth has increased from one billion to over seven billion in 200 years. How many people can the world support? What are the causes and effects of a growing population and what can be done to reduce it? This Issues 21 kit address the question: "How can we manage the effects of overpopulation?" Through this inquiry, students will look at what overpopulation means and why overpopulation has become such a serious problem in the last 200 years. The teacher guide has links to videos and other resources to help students understand this issue. <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/enviro4/ovrpop4.html>  
Password": OVOOKKIW

This kit contains:

- 1 Teacher's guide on "Overpopulation";
- 4 copies of student's guide to "Overpopulation";
- 6 copies each of:
  - "Among the Hidden" by Margaret Peterson Haddix
  - "Farmer in the Sky" by Robert A. Heinlein
  - "The Declaration" by Gemma Malley
  - "Unwind"/Neal Shusterman
  - "Shade's Children"/Garth Nix
  - "The Limit"/Kristen Landon

# Human Rights



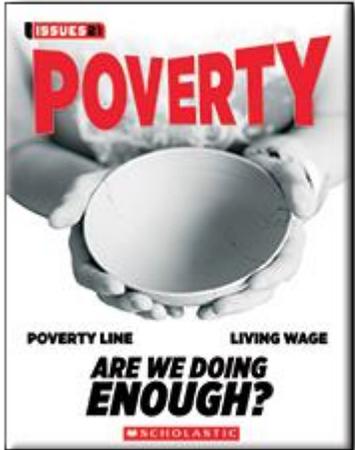
Children's Rights

SSKT - 0289

Today, countries have laws that help to protect their citizens, but many children around the world are still not safe. How are children still being exploited in the 21st century and what can we do about it? The issues 21 website gives access to anchor videos, additional resources, and a full list of sources of issues 21 books. The website is meant to support and extend learning on issues surrounding Children's Rights. The website is <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/humanrights4/childrensrghs4.html> and the password is CH4BicYa.

This kit contains 6 copies each of  
"Keeping Corner" by Kashmira Sheth  
"Sold" by Patricia McCormick  
"Counting on Grace" by Elizabeth Winthrop  
"Boys without Names" by Kashmira Sheth  
"Nobody's Boy" by Jennifer Fleishner  
"Hidden Girls" by Shyima Hall  
"In the Sea there are Crocodiles" by Fabio Geda  
4 copies of Issues 21 Children's Rights  
1 Teacher Guide: Childhood Regained/Jodie Renner.

# Human Rights



Poverty

Poverty is one of the biggest problems facing us today, often determining where we live, how long we live, and our quality of life. Why does poverty exist and whose problem is it? Website supports and extends learning on issues surrounding poverty: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/humanrights4/poverty4.html> and the password is "PVueGh5h".

Contents: 6 copies of

"How to Steal a Dog" by Barbara O'Connor

"Make Lemonade" by Virginia Euwer Wolff

"No Place" by Todd Strasser

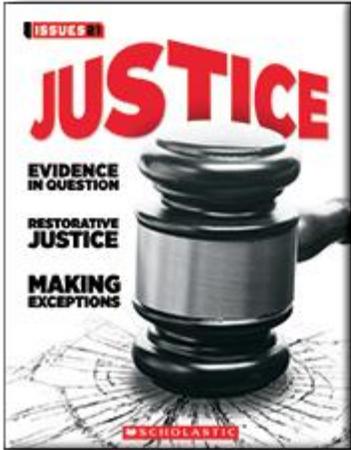
"Ship Breaker"/Paolo Bacigalupi

"Begging For Change/Sharon G. Flake

4 copies of **Issues 21**, Teacher's Guide and Supporting Materials

SSKT - 0307

# Human Rights



Justice

SSKT - 0300

The justice system exists to help us all live together peacefully. But it is a struggle to achieve fair and equal justice for all Canadians. This kit is based on the inquiry question of "How fair is our justice system?" By using the Issues 21 resource kit there are videos, and additional resources to help support and extend the students learning and understanding of the justice system in Canada. To begin looking at the topic access the website: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/humanrights4/justice4.html> and enter the password: JUoiFlc.

This kit has 5 different fictional novels to help develop a cross-curricular unit on Justice.

Kit Contains:

6 copies of "Black and White" by Paul Volponi

"The Trial" by Jen Bryant

"The Perfect Shot" by Elaine Marie Alphin

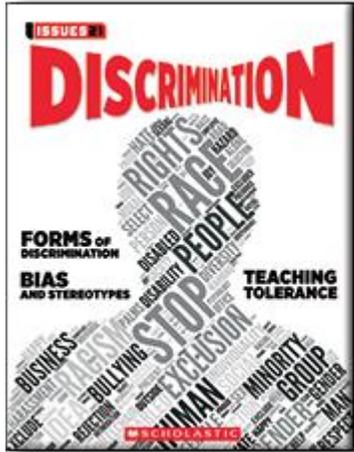
"Before we were Free" by Julia Alvarez

"Shooter" by Caroline Pignat,

"Whatever" by..

4 copies of Issues 21, Teacher's Guide and Supporting Materials.

# Human Rights



Discrimination

SSKT - 0294

Despite how far we have come, discrimination is still a problem in Canada. What causes us to discriminate and how can we stop it? What prevents us from accepting everyone as they are? The issues 21 website gives access to anchor videos, additional resources, and a full list of sources of issues 21 books. The website is <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/humanrights4/discrim4.html> and the password is DC45kOiu. The issues of discrimination against women, race, religion and sexuality can be explored through this kit.

This kit contains 6 copies each of:

"Roll of Thunder" by Mildred Taylor

"Hidden like Anne Frank" by Marcel Prins

"Making Bombs for Hitler" by Marsha Skrypuch

"Plain Kate" by Erin Bow

"Stolen Child" by Marsha Skrypuch

"The Freedom Summer Murders" by Don Mitchell

"The Skin I'm in" by Sharon Flake

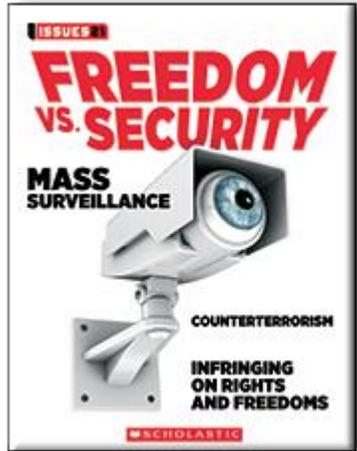
"Underground Soldier" by Marsha Skrypuch

"Undergrounders" by David Skuy

1 copy of "Missing Nimama"/Melanie Florence

"Mare's War" by Tanita Davis

4 copies of **Issues 21** Discrimination 1 Teacher's Guide



Freedom vs. Security

SSKT - 0298

Ensuring our collective safety is an important government responsibility, but does more security make us safer? And what about the government's duty to ensure citizens' rights and freedoms? This kit addresses the inquiry question of "How can we balance freedom and security?" Students will be informed about the responsibility of governments to keep countries secure, human right abuses, fear of terrorism and the protection of individual rights and freedoms.

Additional resources found

at: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/humanrights4/freedom4.html>

Password: FSVgpTk5.

Kit Contains:

4 copies of student's guide to "Freedom vs. Security"

1 copy of teacher's guide to "Freedom vs Security"

6 copies each of

"War Brothers: the graphic novel" by Sharon E. McKay

"Shatter Me" by Tahereh Mafi

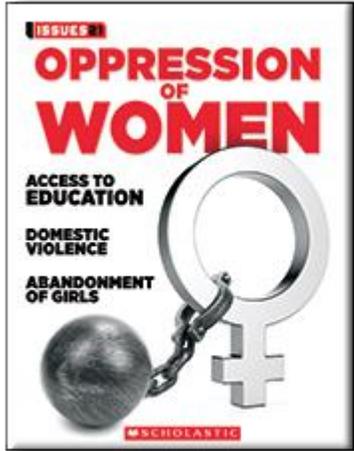
"Black Out" by Robison Wells

"The One Safe Place"/Tania Unsworth

"Little Brother"/Cory Doctorow

"All Good Children"/Catherine Austen

# Human Rights



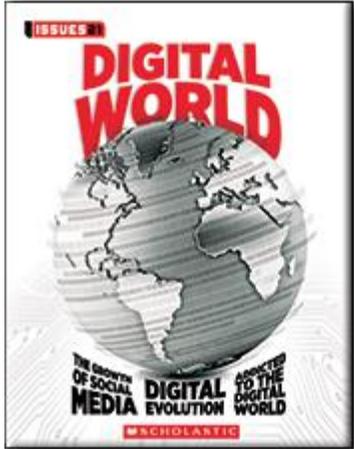
Oppression of Women

SSKT - 0303

Throughout the world, women are discriminated against in different ways. This affects them, their children, their communities, and their countries. What causes the oppression of women and how can we end it? This kit addresses the inquiry question "How can we end the oppression of women?" Through exploring the videos, articles and reading the novels, students will be given rich examples of what female oppression exists within our world. Students are invited to get involved and motivated to take action against the oppression of women. Additional resources found

at: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/humanrights4/oppression4.html> Password: OWS0aeGX.

This kit contains 6 copies each of  
"Princess Academy: Palace of Stone" by Shannon Hale  
"Audacity" by Melanie Crowder  
"Thunder over Kandahar" by Sharon E. McKay  
"Burned" by Ellen Hopkins  
"Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind" by Suzanne Fisher Staples  
1 copy of the teacher's guide to "Oppression of Women"  
3 copies of the student's guide to "Oppression of women" by Ruby Lee  
1 copy of supporting materials



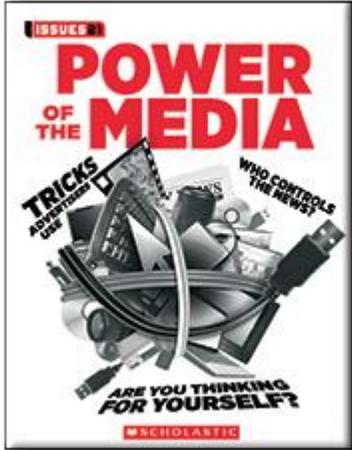
Digital World

SSKT - 0293

In recent years, technology has impacted every aspect of our lives from the way we work to how we socialize to how we consume media. How has digital technology helped and hurt society? The issues 21 website gives access to anchor videos, additional resources, and a full list of sources of issues 21 books. The website is meant to support and extend learning on issues surrounding themes around living in a digital world. The website is [http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/cultr4/digi\\_world4.html](http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/cultr4/digi_world4.html)  
Password is DWuxrJT9

This kit contains 6 copies each of  
"Little Brother" by Cory Doctorow  
"A Girl named Digit" by Annabel Monaghan  
"Extras" by Scott Westerfeld  
"Awaken" by Katie Kacvinsky  
"Top 8" by Katie Finn  
4 copies of Issues 21 Digital World

## Culture & Media



Power of the Media

SSKT - 0308

We are surrounded by media and each new media technology just adds more media to our lives. Do we really understand how media shapes our thinking and our actions? How does media affect our lives?

Additional resources can be found

at: [http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/cultr4/powr\\_media4.html](http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/cultr4/powr_media4.html)

Password: PMqeAC65

This kit contains 6 copies each of”

"If the Witness lied" Caroline B. Cooney

"Extras" Scott Westerfeld

"Media Meltdown" Liam O'donnel

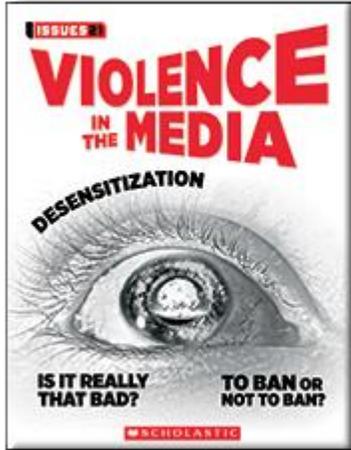
"Need" Michael Berry

"Fahrenheit 451" Ray Bradbury

"Vanishing Act",

4 copies of Issues 21, Teacher's Guide and Supporting Materials.

## Culture & Media



Violence in the Media

SSKT - 0310

Exposure to violence in the media isn't new, but many are worried about its effects on us. Is violence simply entertainment or do we need to limit our exposure to this violence? This kit focuses on the question "What are the consequences of our exposure to media violence?" Kit contains 6 different fiction books which will help develop a cross-curricular unit of media violence. The Issues 21 website gives access to anchor videos and additional resources that will help support and extend learning on this topic: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/cultr4/violence4.html> and the password is VW2pMzw0

Contents: This kit contains 6 copies of  
"Catching Fire" By Suzanne Collins  
"Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins  
"Mockingjay" by Suzanne Collins  
War Games/Jacqueline Guest  
Erebos/Ursula Poznanski  
Yummy, the Last Days of a Southside Shorty/G. Neri  
4 copies of Issues 21, Teacher's Guide and Supporting Materials.

## Culture & Media



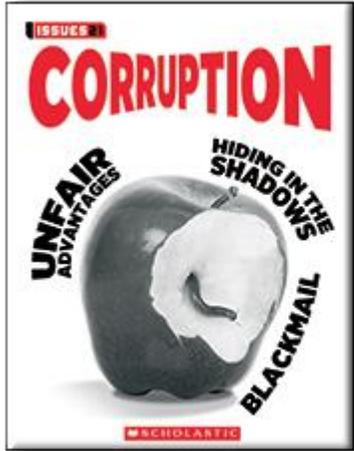
Consumer Culture

SSKT - 0291

Sometimes, it seems we don't make the distinction between want and need. Or think about the effects our consumption has on us and the environment. This kit focuses on the inquiry question of "What are we buying, and why do we think we need it? This kit explores and helps students understand the differences between wants and needs. There are novels for students to explore and to make connections within the literacy. The teacher guide provides some ideas to help connect students to media literacy, global connections, and financial literacy. Additional resources are found at: [http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/cultr4/consumr\\_cultr4.html](http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/cultr4/consumr_cultr4.html)  
Password: cck4wNvj

This kit contains 4 student copies of Consumer Culture,  
1 teacher's guide for Consumer Culture,  
6 copies each of  
"Feed" by M.T. Anderson  
"For the Win" by Cory Doctorow  
"The Unidentified" by Rae Mariz  
"So Yesterday" by Scott Westerfeld

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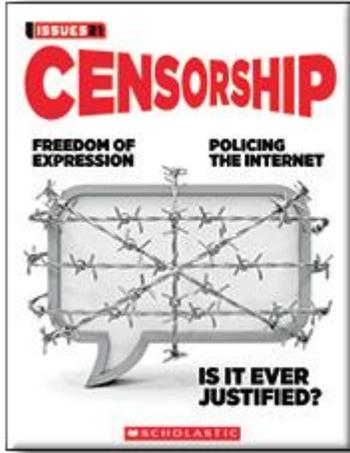


Corruption

SSKT - 0292

Corruption thrives in secrecy because it is hard to identify and stop it. How does corruption happen in today's world and who are the people trying to bring it to light? The inquiry question for this unit is "How does corruption affect society?" and can be introduced through the website <http://iread.ca/s/i21corruption> Password: CRoUpsJF The website gives access to anchor videos, additional resources, and a full list of sources of Issues 21 books. The website is meant to support and extend learning on issues surrounding corruption. This kit has 6 novels that focus on how corruption has affected society.

Contents: This kit contains 6 titles of  
"Divergent" by Veronica Roth  
"Graceling" by Kristin Cashore  
"Crossed" by Ally Condie  
"Matched" by Ally Condie  
"Hope was Here" by Joan Bauer  
"Trash"/Andy Mulligan  
Teacher's guide Corruption  
4 copies of Issues 21 Corruption



Censorship

SSKT - 0288

Most people do not like to be told what they can and cannot read, see, or say. Despite our resistance to censorship, it continues to happen all over the world. Why do we have censorship and is it ever justified? The website is meant to support and extend learning on issues surrounding censorship: <http://www.scholastic.ca/education/issues21/html4/cultr4/censorship4.html> and the password is CEqNvxjt

Contents: 6 copies each of  
"Library Wars" by Kihiro Yumi  
"The day they came to arrest the Book" by Nat Hentoff  
"The Truth about Truman School" by Dori Hillestad Butler  
"Article 5" by Kristen Simmons  
"Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury  
"Americus" by Jonathan Hill  
"The Silenced" by James deVita  
4 copies of **Issues 21**, Teacher's Guide and Supporting Materials.