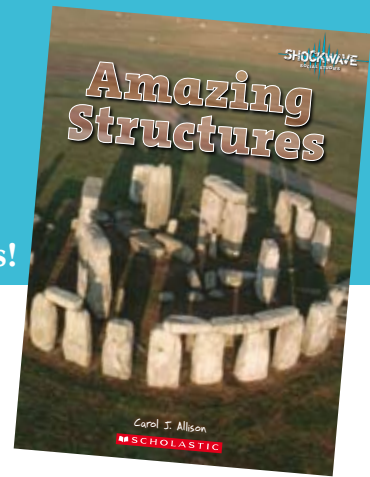


# Teacher Notes

Jolt your children into content-area reading success!

## Synopsis

*Amazing Structures* features spectacular structures from both ancient and modern times. The book highlights the way these wonders help us understand the past and explains the influence of technology on more recent structures.



## Vocabulary Development

Read and discuss the high-powered words on page 4 prior to reading the book.

The high-powered words for this book are:

*archaeologist, culture, fortress, prehistoric, pyramid, restore.*

## Reading Assessment Focus

Deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts:

- interpret information in a range of formats, such as maps and diagrams
- use pictures to understand that scarcity of resources impacts on the selection of building materials
- interpret text to understand that major construction projects affect trade and wealth.

## Before Reading – Get on the Wavelength

- Discuss some of the world's natural wonders; give some examples, such as the Grand Canyon, to stimulate discussion. Talk about the questions on the back cover.

**Ask:** *Can you think of some spectacular structures made by people? When and why were they built?*

Prompt with an example, if necessary.

- View the Contents page and highlight the way topics have been grouped: ancient, modern and future.
- Discuss the **Word Stunner** on page 4. Finally, give the children an opportunity to browse through the rest of the book.

