

# PLANNING GUIDE

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## 2008–2009

### THEMES

Issue themes are subject to change at the editors' discretion.

- **Greek Mythology:** September 5
- **Caribbean Stories:** September 19
- **Growing Up:** October 3
- **The Power of Words:** October 17
- **Halloween:** October 31
- **Playwriting:** November 14
- **Food and Family:** November 28
- **Survival:** December 12
- **Coming to New York:** January 9
- **Edgar Allan Poe:** January 19\*
- **Dreams:** February 6
- **The Holocaust:** February 27
- **Irish Literature:** March 13
- **Satire:** April 3
- **Poetry:** April 17
- **Going Green:** May 1

**\*Edgar Allan Poe (a special electronic issue):** In celebration of Poe's 200th birthday, *READ* will launch a new Web site devoted to the master of horror.

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2. Students read to build an understanding of the many dimensions of human experience.

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- **Wordplay:** etymology and vocabulary
- **Student Writing:** original stories, poems, and essays by middle and high school students
- **Interactive Prompts:** opportunities for your students to respond to writing lessons—and to share their work with other students on our blog, WORD, at [www.readandwriting.com](http://www.readandwriting.com)

