

## Need help writing a grant for your PTA, local business, etc.?

A SCAN subscription is a great bargain! A subscription gives you unlimited usage of a growing library of authentic and relevant lessons. You can even write your own scenarios (or better yet, get your kids to write one!). SCAN® can often be funded by local "mini-grants" from your local PTA, Education Foundation or small businesses in your area.

*Most mini-grants ask these three questions:*

### 1. Briefly describe your program/project

Technology is a great way to get kids engaged in their own learning. The SCAN online tool is a great way to get our kids thinking, writing, and collaborating on authentic, relevant topics. Students are guided through a four-step critical thinking process (SCAN) as they discuss issues from different points of view. *SCAN can:*

- Help students see other's perspectives and develop empathy
- Teach our students how to discuss issues when you don't necessarily agree
- Develop netiquette skills for online communication
- Teach our kids how to think not what to think
- Motivate ALL students to get involved in discussions using a format they love
- Help students gain a deeper understanding of complex topics

I would like to use the SCAN tool on a regular basis to offer engaging lessons in my content area using a format that kids love.

### 2. What do you need to purchase?

A one-year SCAN subscription is \$45.00 and allows unlimited use of the tool with all my classes for one full year. (That's only \$3.75/month for all my students!) Check [here](#) for other pricing options.

### 3. How will the item be used?

SCAN is an online tool designed so that all students participate as a class in the guided discussion in a format similar to "Facebook." There are over 150 current and historical topics (such as Cyberbullying, Locker Searches and the 4th Amendment, Facebook and Privacy, and Desegregation) that can be used in the lesson library or we can write our own.

Teachers set up a lesson and students are given a private URL to enter into the class discussion. SCAN will be used on a regular basis as each time the tool is used it reinforces the SCAN critical thinking process and develops or demonstrates understanding of content issues. We can use SCAN to introduce a topic, as a writing prompt, to help students understand complex situations and to practice communication, collaboration, negotiation and online netiquette skills using content lessons in a protected venue.