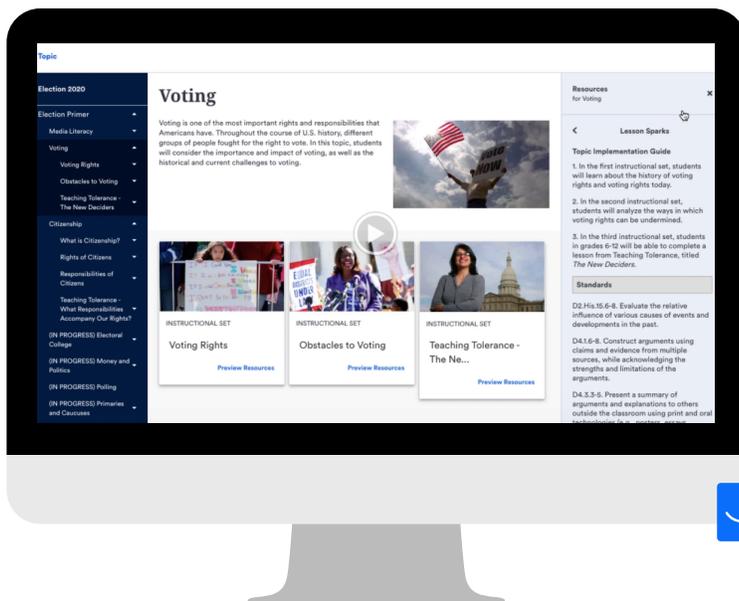




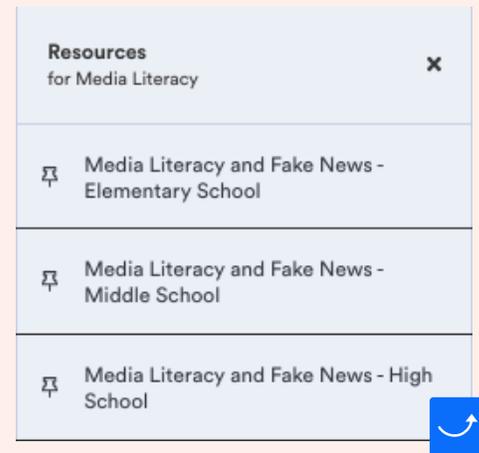
## Watch the election unfold alongside your students.

Use the Newsela Election 2020 collection to bring your students the real-world content they need to build the foundation for a life-long appreciation for the impact of the democratic process on our citizens. Click the image below to see our video!



## USE WITH ANY GRADE BAND

Access resources to help you use each instructional set with whichever age group you teach by clicking “Resources” and selecting the Lesson Spark that best fits your students.



## TEACHING TOLERANCE PARTNERSHIP

Boost your connection to social emotional learning within any content area through the resources and instructional sets we’ve put together through our collaboration with Teaching Tolerance.

Our sequenced content is divided into three main categories: [Election Primer](#), [Candidate Biographies](#), and [Policy Issues](#).

Election Primer gives your students a solid foundation for the backdrop of the campaign by focusing on both civics skills and Candidate Biographies puts students in touch with the people who are running in profiles about them.

**Teaching Tolerance - Digital Tools as a Mechanism for Active Citizenship**

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This lesson is in partnership with Teaching Tolerance. We've directly integrated their objectives, essential questions, and instructional resources and activities. In addition to these materials, we've supplemented the lesson with relevant and engaging historical and current events articles to enable students to...

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Policy Issues helps students understand the platforms these candidates are running on by informing them about the topics on the nation's mind today.

## Give your students the chance to vote.

Our students are the voice of our future generation of voters—let's hear what they think! Newsela will release monthly Issue Polls starting in March that will change once per month. Students will be able to use these polls, found on the collection landing page, to sound off on the same Policy Issues found in the third unit of the collection. You can incorporate these into your classroom discussions as the fodder for healthy debate and critical thinking around campaigns.

Every issue poll will...

- ...touch on policies or laws candidates are actually hoping to enact
- ...relate to specific Newsela articles for students to read
- ...challenge students to think for themselves
- ...be accompanied by news and opinion articles that could support the issue from multiple perspectives

## EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

Check out these awesome teacher-created resources from Newsela Teacher Trainer Logan Silva about campaign finance. Feel free to use this [assignment](#), [handout](#), and [video](#) to understand how to leverage them in your own classroom.



## Bring the election to life in the classroom.

Every instructional set comes with Lesson Sparks designed to help you bring the article to life in your classroom. Take a look at the [first Lesson Spark activity](#) for middle school and high school students about Media Literacy. Click the picture on the right to find out more about Lesson Sparks in this video.



## Let students decide.

Newsela is committed to making sure that students have all the information to decide their position in the 2020 election for themselves. Just because they're not old enough to vote yet does not mean they're not thinking critically about our country's future. As we've put together this collection, we've committed to considering multiple perspectives in order to give them the best opportunity to do so.

Some of the content partners in this work include:

- The Washington Post
- The Christian Science Monitor
- Al Jazeera

Click [here](#) to learn more about where our content comes from.

## Use it your way.

Whether you're devoting a specific portion of the day to election content or you're looking to focus on a few sections as they come up in your classroom, the Election 2020 collection can be used to fit your own needs. Coverage for the election can easily fit within an ELA or Social Studies scope and sequence, but can also be integrated into any classroom where current events are relevant.

Some suggestions for using this content include:

- Pairing it with an evaluation of news sources outside Newsela in order to develop stronger media literacy skills. Though partnerships guarantee our content will be high quality, a lot of what's covered in the collection focuses on media literacy and knowing where to get trusted information. Guide students through exploring, judging, and analyzing social media posts and other ways people share news.
- Starting formal debates by presenting this information to students. Newsela articles can be used as the fodder for rich persuasive communication skills by giving students the facts they need to know to support a particular opinion. Try asking students to find the counterpoints for a view they support. Host an oral debate or Socratic seminar once they've investigated their perspectives.
- Jumpstarting action in your own community. What connections can your students draw to the real life process? Students can start by engaging in our polls, but bring the conversation home by suggesting or asking them to find opportunities in their own hometowns to take action on the issues they care about.

