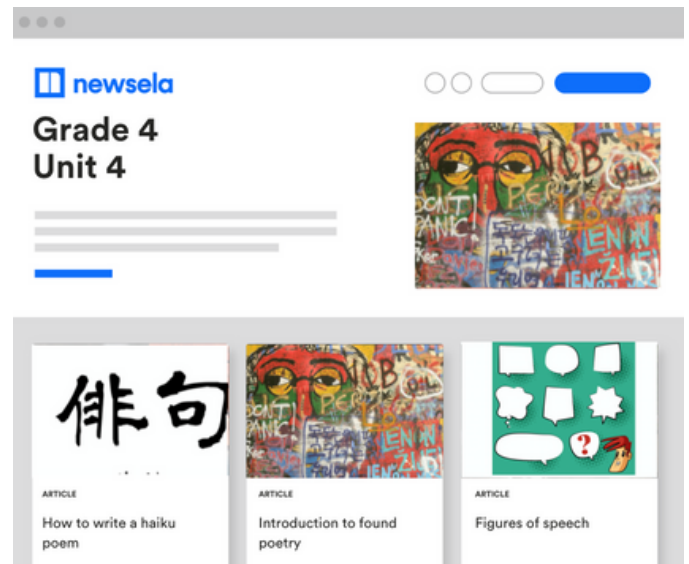


Curriculum Complement for Amplify® Texas Elementary Literacy Program*



This Curriculum Complement is available with Newsela ELA.

Get the most out of your existing materials by effortlessly adding content that's fresh, engaging, accessible, and organized to work alongside what you're already using.

For Amplify® Texas Elementary Literacy Program*, we reviewed the scope and sequence for grades 2-5 and built a resource with Newsela's content that teachers can use directly alongside it.

The Curriculum Complement includes units at each grade level, filled with text sets of engaging, relevant, real-world content that match each Amplify® Texas Elementary Literacy Program* unit's topics, themes, and text types. The text sets offer opportunities to deepen students' understanding of the curricular content (like building background knowledge and making topical connections) and support priority skill development.

- The text sets have [TEKS-aligned implementation guides](#) that include: a lesson guide, English Language Learner supports, SEL connections, extension opportunities, and TEKS and ELPS alignment.
- Each lesson's TEKS were chosen from the [Texas Readiness Standards](#).
- English language learners benefit from the menu of scaffolds provided at the lesson and unit level. [Texas Connections and texts available in Spanish](#) are highlighted within applicable lessons.

With the Amplify® Texas Elementary Literacy Program* Curriculum Complement, schools and districts:

- **Get even more out of existing investments**
- **Add relevance or rigor to any lesson**
- **Provide more reading choice for students**
- **Save teachers' time finding, vetting, & aligning content**
- **Ensure every student can access background knowledge and discussions**

Sample Newsela texts for Amplify® Texas Elementary Literacy Program*

Second Grade

Unit 1

This Unit includes exciting folktales and articles that entertain and teach important lessons. Students will learn the characteristics of folktales. They will create questions before, during and after reading to increase understanding and make inferences to dive deeper into the stories.



ARTS & CULTURE

What are folktales?



FICTION

Eyes of the Dragon: An Imaginary Tale



ARTS & CULTURE

Dream job: Movie Monsters

Unit 3

This Unit explores the influence of ancient Greece on everything from creating the first democracy to modern Olympic heroes. Students will use narrative and informational texts to evaluate details to determine key ideas, synthesize information to create new understanding, identify character traits and understand an author's purpose for writing texts.



WORLD HISTORY

Ancient Greece: The first Greeks



ARTS & CULTURE

Ancient Greece: The Olympic Games



ARTS & CULTURE

Myths and Legends: Poseidon, the god of the sea

Unit 8

This Unit explores bugs and how they interact with humans. Students will generate questions about texts before, during and after reading to deepen understanding; make inferences and use evidence to support them; create mental images to deepen understanding; and make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts and society.



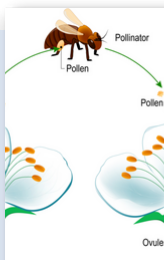
SCIENCE & MATH

The bug cycle: From egg to adult



KIDS

Kids are abuzz with activities to help save bees



GEOGRAPHY

The process of pollination


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Third Grade


Unit 1

Stories can entertain us and teach us. This Unit explains common story elements and explores poems that relate to the world of fantasy.




ARTS & CULTURE

What is exposition in literature?



ARTS & CULTURE

Figures of speech



FICTION

The White Crane


Unit 5

From rainbows to music, we enjoy much in life because of light and sound. Students will explore light and sound and discover how they affect our lives.




SCIENCE & MATH

How our eyes make sense of light



SCIENCE

Sight unseen: Teacher brings science to life for students who are blind




SCIENCE & MATH

Sound, explained


Unit 10

Settlers in the thirteen British colonies established community, government, and relationships with Native Americans. Students will learn about the characteristics and people of the English colonies and their legacy today.



U.S. HISTORY

Why settle on Jamestown?



ARTS & CULTURE

Made by you, for you: Clothing in colonial America



GEOGRAPHY

Geography of the 13 coloiest

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Fourth Grade

Unit 3

Students will read stories of knights and the values they embodied. As students explore the themes of King Arthur and his knights, they will consider the significance of their own values in everyday life. Students will practice making inferences, identifying key details and summarizing a text. They will compose an adventure story in which they are the main character!



ARTS & CULTURE

Myths and Legends: King Arthur and the Holy Grail, the short version



ARTS & CULTURE

Narrative poetry: Telling stories through verse



FICTION

The Glass Knight: an English story

Unit 4

Students will explore the ways that poems can celebrate the different ways we see the world. This Unit provides examples of the ways poetry enhances our lives. Students will learn about unique poetic techniques, make modern-day connections to poetry and illustrate the ways that poets tell stories.



ARTS & CULTURE

How to write a haiku poem



ARTS

Trash has long been treasure for poet Naomi Shihab Nye



POEM

"Earth": A poem by Avery Fisher ye

Unit 8

This Unit explores adventures related to the novel *Treasure Island*. By examining topics that are common in stories like Robert Louis Stevenson's, students will practice essential reading skills, including character analysis, and use the writing process to compose and revise an original adventure story of their own



FICTION

Blackbeard's Ghost



WORLD HISTORY

A lot of what is known about pirates is not true, and a lot of what is true is not known



ARTS & CULTURE

Dream Jobs Children's Author

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Fifth Grade

Unit 1

Borders can divide us, but stories from borders can unite us. This Unit explores life along the U.S. and Mexican border. Students will read current events and stories that are shaped by both cultures. For each lesson, they will practice essential reading skills, including making inferences, summarizing a text, and analyzing the impact of character and setting on the theme.



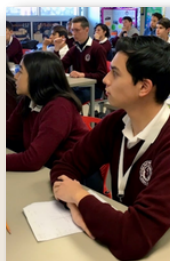
GEOGRAPHY

Inside the "split city" of El Paso-Juárez



OPINION

Opinion: What Selena's life and legacy tell us about Latinx identity today

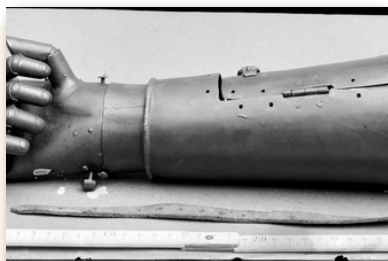


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Unit 3

Students will read stories about adventures and acts of bravery. A variety of texts in different genres will take them on journeys both near and far. Students will reflect on the lessons we can learn by reading about the courage of others. Students will find context clues to define unfamiliar words, make inferences about text evidence, plus analyze major and minor characters.



WORLD HISTORY

Object of intrigue: The iron hand of a knight from the 1500s



FICTION

Trail into Darkness



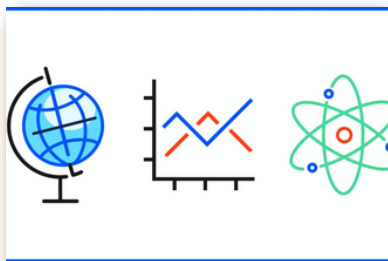
FICTION

The Glow



Unit 9

Students will approach reading as an engineer or a scientist as they make careful observations, make hypotheses, gather evidence, and draw conclusions. They will analyze the use of text features, make text connections, infer the author's message, and draw conclusions about a story's theme.



SCIENCE & MATH

How to develop and test models



ARTS & CULTURE

Being kind to yourself is the best way to help achieve your goals



FICTION

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