

# Curriculum Complement for Lucy Calkins Units of Study\*



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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 the Lucy Calkins Units of Study\*, we reviewed the scope and sequence for grades 2-8 and built a resource with Newsela's content that teachers can use directly alongside it.

While the Curriculum Complement follows the scope and sequence of Lucy Calkins Units of Study\*, there are curated text sets and a workshop-style Lesson Spark aligned to the state standards for every reading and writing unit at each grade level.

Texts reflect and support the skill, genre and/or topics of each unit. The text sets' lessons also support the skills, using the workshop structure. Newsela text sets, typically united in theme, include mentor texts for teachers to model skills while offering students choice and practice.

While Lucy Calkins Units of Study\* offers a topic focus, Newsela provides texts with critical background knowledge.

### **With the Lucy Calkins Units of Study\* 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**

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## Sample Newsela texts for Lucy Calkins Units of Study\*

### Grade 3, Crafting True Stories

The articles in this text set introduce you to some very interesting and accomplished kids.



**SPORTS**  
Robert Bobroczy is 7 feet 7 inches and can dunk without trying



**HEALTH**  
This 9-year-old learned the Heimlich maneuver. The next day, she saw her friend choking.



**KIDS**  
Washington's latest tell-all memoir: Secrets of a preschool girl gone viral

### Grade 5, Narrative Craft

This text set shows how texts can communicate powerful messages and lessons.



**ARTS & CULTURE**  
10 common themes in literature



**ARTS & CULTURE**  
Opinion: My daughter's cartwheels taught me joy can live with grief



**KIDS**  
"Happy thoughts" helped lost California girls survive ordeal

### Grades 8, Launching Writer's Notebooks and Independent Reading

This text set will explore multiple perspectives of people and how their identity has shaped who they are and how they respond to the world around them.



**ARTS**  
"I'm an American" — George Takei on a lifetime of defying stereotypes



**ARTS**  
En pointe and on top of world: Ballerina, film star breaks color barrier



**SPORTS**  
Football fan lost his sight but not love for the game; he became a player

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