

Get Started with Newsela



Consider the last time you read.

- Did you scan? Did you read closely?
- What knowledge and connections did you bring to the text?
- Was your reading experience different or similar to your students' typical reading experiences? How?



Here's why you (and your students) will love Newsela content



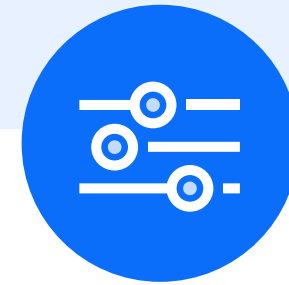
Depth & Breadth

Covers endless curricular and high-interest topics



Relevance

Responds to the real world and students' lived experiences



Differentiation & Scaffolding

Adapts to individual student's learning needs



Focus on Skills

Provides opportunities to practice key skills & critical thinking



How do teachers use Newsela?

Here's what teachers have to say about teaching with Newsela



“I always **enrich our book studies** with nonfiction articles. When we’re reading ‘Wonder’, I use Newsela’s collections to find **texts on topics like kindness, community, and bullying.**”

ELA Teacher

“I love using Newsela in **social studies for research, discussion starters, and article of the week** work. My students highlight and annotate to engage with the text.”

Social Studies Teacher

“I’m using Newsela to introduce students to chemistry. **Students read for understanding by highlighting and compiling information** into a research paragraph to support our experiments.”

Science Teacher

How to use this resource

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Set students up in a Newsela class to make it easier to build routines, give them feedback, and see their progress.

Go to Settings under your initials in the top right at any time.

You can sync classes from your LMS, create classes manually, or your district can roster your classes for you.

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Search Browse Your Content Assignments Binder

SETTINGS
 Profile
 Class directory
 Student directory
 Faculty directory

Settings / Class Directory

Class directory

Filter classes (1)

Search for classes
 Start typing...

Class name	Subjects	Grade	School	Students	Status	Data source	Class code
2nd Period ELA	2 subjects	4	Oak Park Elementary	19 students	Active	Google	N/A
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<i>Introduce new topic</i>		<i>Practice a skill or reteach</i>		<i>Independent Reading</i>
Text or video can give students a window into your unit of study while building background knowledge		Model a literacy skill or give students extra practice		Give your students opportunities to read about what they care about

Search for a text or video that connects to your classroom. There are thousands to choose from.

Don't forget to filter! These help you find content by type, grade, skill, Spanish/English, and more.

Then, preview the content before sharing with students.

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There are three ways to share or assign content.

Assign

Digitally share with students on their devices, either in small groups or as a whole class. This way, you can review student quizzes, writing prompts, and annotations.

Print

Distribute texts at levels appropriate for your students, with or without activities.

Present

Project content for the whole class or small group instruction.

The screenshot shows the Newsela interface for an article titled "World's 'oldest' tree able to reveal planet's secrets". The article is at a 750L reading level. Three buttons are highlighted with blue boxes and lines pointing to the text on the left: "Assign", "Print", and "Present". The "Present" button is located in a vertical sidebar on the left side of the article. The article content includes a photo of a researcher observing a large tree, a byline, a recommendation for upper elementary school, word count (596), text level (4), and publication date (5/29/2023). The article text describes the "Great Grandfather" tree in southern Chile and its dimensions. On the right side, there is an "Activities" sidebar with options like "Annotations", "Write prompt", "Power Words", and "Quiz", and a "Review Student Work" button at the bottom.

When creating assignments, set the reading level for students.

If you choose not to lock the level, students will automatically see the text at a level that is accessible to them, and can change the reading level.

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Search Browse Your Content Assignments Binder

LISTEN ▶ 4x ↶ ×

View as student

Create assignment

Title assignment

World's "oldest" tree able to reveal planet's secrets

Add assignees

Assign to a class OR Assign to students

Give instructions

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Annotations

Highlighting feature enables you to embed questions, add context or background knowledge, and more.

Writing prompts

Opportunities to respond in writing, use Newsela's prompts or write your own

Power Words (ELA only)

Vocabulary support with In-context definitions a Tier II vocabulary words and connected activities.

Quizzes

Quick assessments that check for student understanding while promoting literacy skills

The screenshot shows the Newsela website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Newsela logo and user information. Below that is a search and navigation menu. The main content area features an article titled "World's 'oldest' tree able to reveal planet's secrets" with a "750L" level indicator, "Assign", and "Print" buttons. A large image of a tree trunk is the central focus. To the left of the image is a vertical toolbar with icons for Share, Save, Hide, Add, Present, Text Size (S), Count, and Listen. On the right side, an "Activities" sidebar is open, listing "Annotations", "Write prompt", "Power Words", and "Quiz" with right-pointing arrows. At the bottom of the sidebar is a "Review Student Work" button. The article text below the image includes the author "By Paulina Abramovich, Agence France-Presse, adapted by Newsela staff", a recommendation for "Upper Elementary School", and statistics: "WORDS 596 | TEXT LEVEL 4 | PUBLISHED 5/29/2023". The first paragraph of the article reads: "The 'Great Grandfather' is the name given to a giant tree in a forest in southern Chile. It is in the process of being recognized as the oldest in the world."

Support and grow every learner with leveled texts

After reading approximately five articles and completing quizzes, students will begin receiving articles at their own reading level. You always have the option to set the reading level for your students.

TIP

For your first assignments, assign articles related to the interests of your students. Engaging content will help them more quickly find their reading level and come to love reading on Newsela.

Did you know?

Newsela can use NWEA MAP Growth data to set reading levels. Just ask your administrator to share MAP Growth data with Newsela.

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Help learners work on grade-level and take on more challenging texts.

Here are three of the many ways you can scaffold for your students.

Read aloud

Word-by-word highlighting that can be played and paused, in both English and Spanish.

Spanish

Thousands of expertly translated texts with quizzes and write prompts - helpful for English Learners.

Small group assignments

Simple way to differentiate for individuals or specific groups of students.

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You can track completed student work in the binder or directly within any text you've assigned.

Assignments tab

Summary of class activity for a given assignment. Click into an assignment to see class and individual student stats.

Reading summary

Data on students' reading levels, number of texts viewed, & averages for various activities.

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Thumbnail	Assigned Date	Title	Class	Students Viewed
	06/19/2023	Climate change warning	Period 2	10 of 10
	06/19/2023	Chicago Children's March	Period 1	0 of 10
	06/19/2023	College admissions scandal	Period 1	10 of 10
	06/19/2023	How to Write Letters to Congress	Period 2	1 of 10
	04/21/2023	Mock Assignment #2	Period 2	10 of 10
	04/18/2023	Mock Assignment #3	Period 1	10 of 10

Appendix

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Enhance your instruction with Newsela with these professional learning options

Practice literacy skills

Drive achievement and reading comprehension by exploring this set of goal-focused resources.

[View Resource](#)

Build background knowledge

Boost learners' confidence and understanding with this group of results-driven resources.

[View Resource](#)

Include diverse perspectives

Create a more lively and inclusive classroom using this selection of dedicated resources

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Looking for more help? Try watching one of these how-to videos



[What is Newsela?](#)



[The student experience on Newsela.com](#)



[How to find and save content on Newsela](#)



[How to track student progress in your Newsela Binder](#)



[How to assign Newsela articles to students](#)



[How to assign content to small groups of students](#)



[How to use article tools & activities](#)



[How to use Lesson Sparks](#)



[How to annotate text in articles for students](#)



[How to find and use text sets with your class](#)



[How to review student assignments on Newsela](#)



[How to use and edit write prompts in your assignments](#)

Get Started with Newsela Lite



Newsela Lite is the perfect introduction to all that Newsela has to offer.

Newsela Lite is a free resource that provides access to 4 engaging, differentiated articles at a time, enhanced by features of Newsela's premium subject products.

With Newsela Lite, it is free and easy to promote literacy skills, spark discussion, and boost independent reading.



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You can sync classes from your LMS or create classes manually.

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			Independent reading	
			Class discussion	
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On your homepage you'll find 4 engaging, timely news articles offered at 5 reading levels.

Every week a new text is added here to the homepage, where it will be for four weeks. When a new article is added, one drops.

Preview the content before sharing with students.

The screenshot shows the Newsela Lite homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Newsela logo, 'Educator Center', a 'Start free trial' button, and a user profile icon labeled 'DG LITE'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'Search', 'Browse', 'Your Content', 'Assignments', and 'Binder'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to Newsela Lite' section with a brief description of the service and three feature highlights: '4 current articles', '5 reading levels', and 'Assess understanding'. Below this is a 'Free content' section containing a grid of four article cards. Each card includes a date range (e.g., 'Read until 9/10/23'), a thumbnail image, the article title, and an 'Assign' button. The articles are: 'Drexel Food Lab wants to minimize food waste', 'Meet Danielle Ross, the first female master builder at Legoland New York', 'Parrots taught to video call each other become less lonely, study finds', and 'Going, going, gone!: Climate change is making home runs easier to hit, study says'. At the bottom, there is a 'Discover more great content' section with a 'Start free trial' button and a 'Latest news' section with four premium article thumbnails.

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Setting the reading level ensures your students get practice reading and developing skills at grade level. Use the Newsela recommended level as a way to help students work up to grade-level tasks.

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- Mock Assignment #1**: Contains expired content, Class: ELA 1, 0 of 10 Students Viewed.
- Chicago Children's March**: Assigned: 06/19/2023, Class: Period 1, 0 of 10 Students Viewed.
- College admissions scandal**: Assigned: 06/19/2023, Class: Period 1, 10 of 10 Students Viewed.
- How to Write Letters to Congress**: Assigned: 06/19/2023, Class: Period 2, 1 of 10 Students Viewed.
- Mock Assignment #2**: Contains expired content, Class: Period 2, 10 of 10 Students Viewed.
- Mock Assignment #3**: Contains expired content, Class: Period 1, 10 of 10 Students Viewed.

On the left side, there's a 'BINDER' sidebar with filters (Last 90 days) and a class list (All Classrooms, Period 1, Period 2).