



Meet Luna, your new AI assistant



Luna supports teachers in designing activities, creating graphic organizers, differentiating text, supporting paragraph-level text translations, and much more.

Luna's goal is to help save teachers time while *also* supporting student outcomes with specific, research-based practices.

Time-saving tools to amplify instruction

New Lesson Planner lets teachers quickly instructionalize Newsela content by generating a lesson plan based on that content, one or more standards, and a learning objective.

Apply to your lesson LUNA

Review AI-generated suggestions for lesson content and inspiration.

Lesson planner Main idea Key terms Before reading activity Discussion questions

The article is about the various literary contributions of African-American authors during the Harlem Renaissance, including poetry, fiction, and satire.

These suggestions have been generated by an AI model, but the ideas and underlying gist are original and generated by a human author.

Copy Report content

New Text leveler lets teachers instantly adapt any text to desired levels. Luna will level it for optimal grade-appropriate comprehension.

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Learning objective *
Students will be able to identify the main idea of the text and key supporting details.

Standards *
Select up to 3 standards you want to apply to this lesson. Add standards +

Supporting material (optional)
☐ Include project idea
☐ Include supports for Multilingual Learners
☐ Include Additional Assessment Questions

Allotted time (optional)
Select how long you want the lesson to last 30 min 45 min 60 min 90 min

Generate lesson plan +

Teacher tools suggests lesson content for every article that includes the main idea, key terms, a pre-reading activity, and discussion questions.

Text leveler

While Luna is smart, they aren't perfect: please review the leveled content to make sure it's just right before sharing it with your students.

Start over

5th grade 6th grade 7th grade

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Leveled text

In Aztec legend, the Aztec people first lived in a place called Aztlan. The Aztecs were then led south by their god, Huitzilopochtli. These early migrants were likely hunter-gatherers from northwestern Mexico. They likely traveled in nomadic groups, meaning they moved around often. They were skilled farmers and warriors. When they eventually settled in the Valley of Mexico, they founded the city of Tenochtitlan.

The Aztecs settled on an island at the western end of Lake Texcoco. They built their capital city named Tenochtitlan. Today, this is the site of Mexico City. It is one of the largest cities in the world. The Aztecs were one of many Mesoamerican groups living in the Valley of Mexico. Mesoamerica is the indigenous language of people from southern Mexico and Central America. It was spoken commonly before European colonization. During the 16th CE, many of these Mesoamerican groups began to organize themselves into independent communities. These communities later developed into city-states. Aztec city-states were organized into city-states and provinces.

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In 1519, the Spanish explorer Hernán Cortés led an expedition to the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan. The Spanish were looking for gold and other treasures. They were also looking to convert the Aztecs to Christianity. The Aztecs were one of many Mesoamerican groups living in the Valley of Mexico. Mesoamerica is the indigenous language of people from southern Mexico and Central America. It was spoken commonly before European colonization. During the 16th CE, many of these Mesoamerican groups began to organize themselves into independent communities. These communities later developed into city-states. Aztec city-states were organized into city-states and provinces.

Generate graphic organizers

Anticipation guide
Origin and growth of the Aztec Empire

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Read each statement about Aztec Empire Origins carefully. If you agree with the statement, mark "Y" in the "Before Reading" column. If you disagree, mark "N" in the "Before Reading" column. Once a reader in the "Reason" column. Then, read the article, "Origin and growth of the Aztec Empire." After reading the article, respond to the statements again in the "After Reading" column and note if any of your positions changed.

Statement	Before reading	Reason	After reading	Reason
The Aztecs were originally a nomadic people who settled in _____	Y / N		Y / N	
The Aztec Empire expanded primarily through alliances and _____	Y / N		Y / N	
Ritual human sacrifice played a significant role in Aztec culture _____	Y / N		Y / N	
	Y / N		Y / N	

Download as a PDF

New **AI-powered graphic organizers** generate pre-populated, editable, and exportable PDFs that cover elements like key terms and vocabulary from Newsela articles.

Scaffolds that support student outcomes

Checks for Understanding embeds low-stakes, recall questions throughout the text to encourage close reading.

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CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING 1 OF 2 LUNA +

Students must answer the question correctly to continue reading

How did Alvaro Rodriguez benefit from playing video games?

- A He began to find school more interesting.
- B He felt more at home after moving to the U.S. from the Dominican Republic.
- C He was able to improve his reading skills. ✓
- D He developed an addiction to playing video games.

When assigned, students will have unlimited tries to answer this question. The rest of the text will be hidden until the questions are answered correctly.

< Guided highlighting LUNA + ×

QUESTION 1
People, places and events +

Highlight the segment that mentions a key figure who has contributed to the understanding of how video games can aid in language learning.

✓ Correct answer

"There are generations of people all over the world growing up using video games informally to teach themselves English," says Jonathon Reinhardt, an associate professor at the University of Arizona and president of the Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium (CALICO).

Rate this question Like Dislike

Guided highlighting prompts students to identify a part of a Newsela ELA text that aligns to a reading skill.

Write prompt

Assign AI-generated, editable prompts for student responses—an alternative to the human-authored write prompts included in most articles.

< Write prompt ×

Select "Edit" to update the prompt across reading levels. Student responses will appear in the binder.

Prompt Edit

Choose a process or event from the text. Describe the

Or try this write prompt Refresh

What is the significance of "The Color Purple" being performed as a musical in its author's hometown? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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Report content

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Translate to **French**

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LUNA • Ou seus jogos não estavam disponíveis na língua materna, então eles jogavam em inglês e acabavam aprendendo o idioma, disse ele. Não está claro quantos jogadores aprendem inglês, disse Reinhardt. Ele estima que existam pelo menos 200 milhões. "É muito mais popular e difundido do que imaginamos", disse ele.

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New Text translator scaffold provides in-paragraph translations for multilingual learners to access grade-level content. Separately, our full-article Spanish translations are always human reviewed.

Tier III vocabulary definitions show students the meaning of academic words, in-text.

solstice. This is the day with the most hours of daylight.

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC VOCABULARY

solstice ➔

Either of two times in the year when the sun reaches its highest or lowest point in the sky, resulting in the longest and shortest days of the year.



Newsela Writing saves time and helps your students become better writers with real-time, rubric-aligned feedback—powered by Luna, your AI assistant.

Available as an add-on

- **Explore the library** to find assignments tailored to your specific teaching goal.
- **Use custom or premade assignments**, including content from premium products
- **Track students' writing** frequency and accuracy and **view student progress** to identify areas for additional support.

The screenshot shows the Newsela Writing interface. The main content area displays a writing assignment titled "Life in Space" with a sub-header "The Astronaut's Life in Space". Below the header is an image of an astronaut in space. The interface includes a toolbar with various editing tools and a sidebar on the right. The sidebar has a section titled "Organization" with a "Check progress" button, and a section titled "Your Glows" which provides feedback on the student's writing. The feedback includes a "Let's Grow" section with suggestions for improvement.



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