



Resources for Summer Learning with Newsela

Whether in the classroom or at home, summer learning offers students the opportunity to take ownership over their learning and explore the topics and ideas that interest them. In Newsela, learners can self-select content that connects to their experiences and sparks their curiosity. Students can access texts at the right reading level as well as multimedia across a range of devices, making it easy for them to find and engage with multiple related sources.

Enjoy this collection of resources curated specifically for summer classrooms and independent study at home.



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Daily Content Calendar

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ELA Summer Learning Resources

These novel studies, ready-to-go lessons, projects, and skill review resources will help students build skills and maintain interest during summer learning!



Novel and Book Studies for Summer Reading

Elementary, Middle, and High School Novel and Book Studies for summer reading

Use these popular novel studies for summer reading, book clubs, or full-class study. Novel and book studies are crafted around essential questions and build background knowledge and connections to help students understand each book.

Each novel study curation comes with instructional supports - giving teachers multiple ways to use novel studies in their summer school classrooms or as a complement to summer book study.

1984 by George Orwell

A Christmas Carol
by Charles Dickens

A Doll's House
by Henrik Ibsen

And Then There Were None
by Agatha Christie

Anne of Green Gables
by L.M. Montgomery

Anthem by Ayn Rand

Between Shades of Gray
by Ruta Sepetys


Between the World and Me
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Black Beauty
by Anna Sewell





Novel and Book Studies for Summer Reading


Elementary, Middle, and High School Novel and Book Studies for summer reading



[Elementary School Novel Studies for Summer Reading](#)


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NOVEL STUDY
"A Boy Called Bat" by Elana Arnold
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NOVEL STUDY
"Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things" by Lenore Look
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NOVEL STUDY
"Frindle" by Andrew Clements

[Middle School Novel Studies for Summer Reading](#)


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NOVEL STUDY
"Darius the Great is Not Okay" by Adib Khorram
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NOVEL STUDY
"Solo" by Kwame Alexander
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BOOK STUDY
"El Deafo" by CeCe Bell

[High School Novel Studies for Summer Reading](#)

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NOVEL STUDY
"The Poet X" by Elizabeth Acevedo
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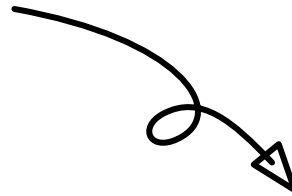
NOVEL STUDY
"American Street" by Ibi Zoboi
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NOVEL STUDY
"Tears of a Tiger" by Sharon M. Draper

Research Projects for Summer Learning

Use these research projects to have students explore real-world topics. Each project includes suggested grade bands, research questions, and downloadable graphic organizers to support choosing a topic, gathering and synthesizing information, and presenting research.

- [Famous Musicians and Their Impact](#)
- [Human Impact on the Environment](#)
- [Impact of Climate Change](#)




ARTICLE

"Everybody has a voice": Festival finds the universal in choirs

What the Text Says Connecting People, Events, & Ideas

07/03/2017

Assign



ARTICLE


Musical Genius: Is it talent or practice?

Connecting People, Events, & Ideas

Point of View and Purpose

11/18/2019

Assign



ARTICLE

Explainer: The value and beauty of classical music

Point of View and Purpose What the Text Says

05/30/2017

Assign

Sample:

Research Questions

How do musicians learn to play music?
What makes music beautiful?
How does music help people?
What messages are expressed in music?

Who are the most important musicians?
How do musicians make an impact?
How does music relate to culture?
How does music help change cultures?

Debate and Discussion

Use these resources for lively and fun academic discussion in the classroom. Each set provides relevant articles, questions for discussion, and graphic organizers to download.

- [Do Zoos Help or Harm Animals?](#)
- [Are Esports Really Sports?](#)
- [Is Space Exploration a Good Use of Resources?](#)
- [Is Artificial Intelligence Ethical?](#)



ARTICLE

Issue Overview: Should we have zoos?

Point of View and Purpose

Word Meaning & Choice

03/30/2017

Assign ▾



3:09

INTERACTIVE VIDEO

Get my job: Zookeeper

06/14/2023

Assign ▾



30-Day Write Prompt Challenge

In the 30-Day Write Prompt Challenge, students will respond to open-ended prompts as they consider and express their opinions, ideas, and feelings. These prompts, and the related Newsela texts, were crafted with the interests, experiences, and perspectives of elementary, middle, and high school students in mind.

Designed to be flexible, teachers can use the challenge to meet their unique needs in the classroom or students can use it independently at home.

- [30-Day Write Prompt Challenge: Elementary School](#)
- [30-Day Write Prompt Challenge: Middle School](#)
- [30-Day Write Prompt Challenge: High School](#)

Sample:

Daily Challenges

Day 1: Imagine you wake up tomorrow with a silly superpower. What is it? How does it make you world-famous? ([Read this](#) for inspiration).

Day 2: Which TV, movie, or book character do you wish were real and why? Describe what you would do for the day with your favorite character. ([Read this](#) for inspiration).

Day 3: Write a letter or email to your teacher. Include 3 facts, feelings, or details you'd like them to know; 2 questions you have for them, about school or anything!; and 1 thing that made you laugh or smile recently. ([Read this](#) for inspiration).

30-day Summer Science Challenge

Students can take Newsela’s interactive 30-day Summer Science challenge independently or with guidance! Each day students will be given a different challenge to sharpen their science skills. Along the way, they’ll have the chance to read related articles to learn more. Students can also use this [printable PDF](#) to track their progress.




ARTICLE
How to read a weather map

What the Text Says Text Structure

09/04/2019


Assign ▾ 




ARTICLE
Do animals laugh and play?

Main Idea, Key Details, & Summarization
Point of View and Purpose


08/04/2021

Assign ▾ 



ARTICLE
Activity: Egg drop experiment

04/10/2020

Assign ▾ 

Sample:

Daily Challenges

- Day 1:** Dissect a Flower
Look in and around your home for a flower. Pull out some tweezers or other tools, and start removing one part at a time.
- Day 2:** Observe an insect
Take a look around to see if you can find a bug. Maybe there is one outside!
- Day 3:** Examine Patterns in Nature
Math and science go together like macaroni and cheese.



Science At Home 30-Day Challenge

Sharpen your science skills. Can you:



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissect a flower | <input type="checkbox"/> Chart animal observations | <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct an interview |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Observe an insect | <input type="checkbox"/> Question your observations | <input type="checkbox"/> Solve an everyday problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Examine patterns in nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Design paper airplanes | <input type="checkbox"/> Rank renewable energy sources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a rock collection | <input type="checkbox"/> Observe animal interactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant a seed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compare how different objects fall | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a new constellation | <input type="checkbox"/> Draw a map |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a new recipe | <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate different sides of an issue | <input type="checkbox"/> Imagine space travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify animal calls | <input type="checkbox"/> Test the melting rate of ice on different surfaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan an experiment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Record a cloud journal | <input type="checkbox"/> Measure the strength of different materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Explore magnets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Predict the weather | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a vibrating instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Invent new uses for old items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Detect the source of smells | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimate groups of objects | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn a scientific “magic trick” |

Join the Newsela Community

The Newsela Community is on Facebook! This is a space to connect more deeply with Newsela educators & foster those dynamic conversations. This will be a space for you, as Newsela users, to engage with other educators, offer expertise & support, & share successes.

Where to Join the Newsela Community:

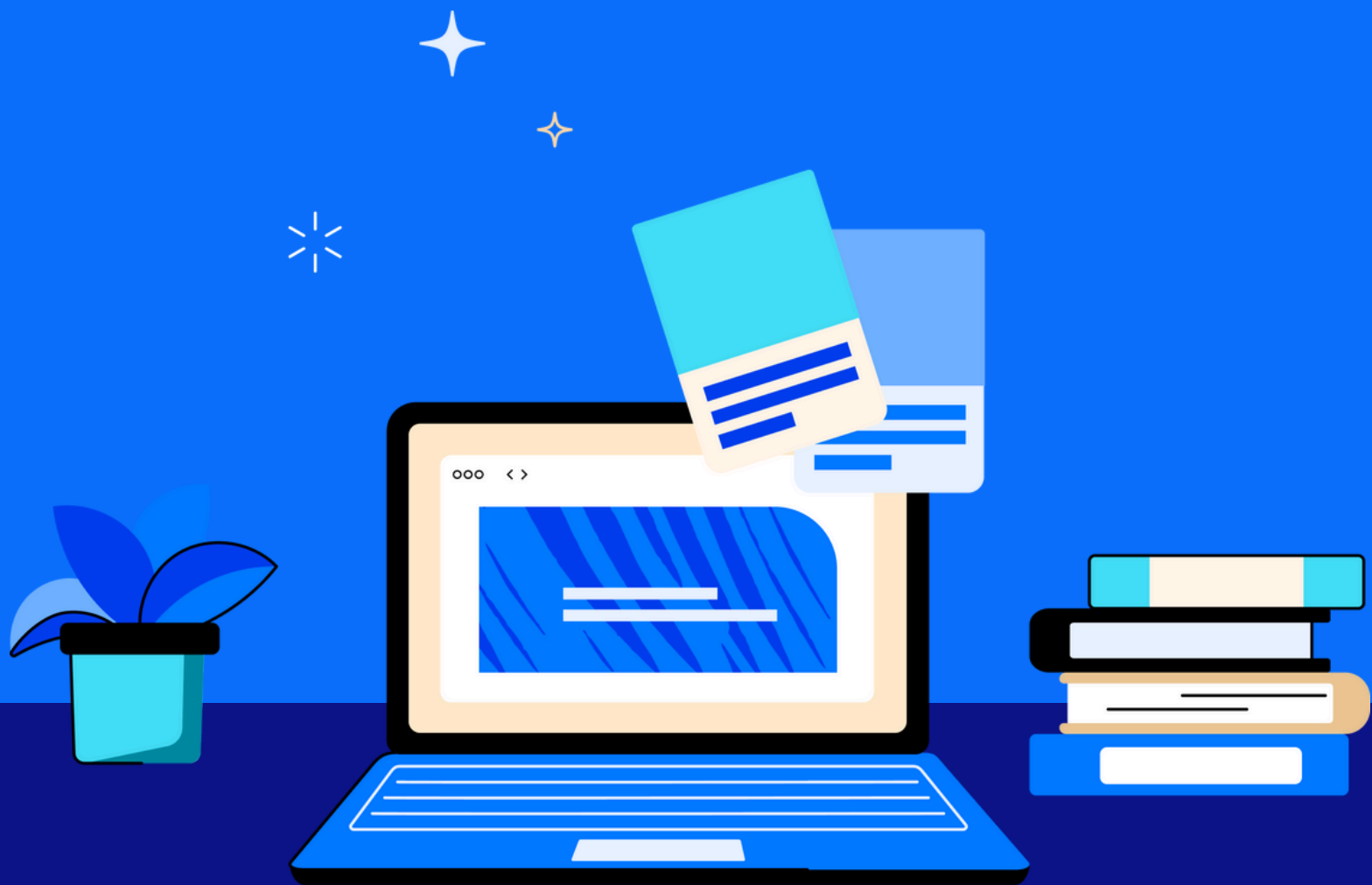
- [Newsela Community](#): This is the primary educator community group. Find a variety of voices from teachers, administrators & instructional coaches here. All Newsela users are welcome to join & collaborate.
- [Newsela Certified Educators](#): Have you completed the NCE course & want to connect with other NCEs? This is a group specifically for users that have completed the NCE course. Haven't completed the NCE course? You can find out more [here](#).

Not on Facebook? Not a problem! You can still be a part of the Newsela Community by following us across all social media platforms & by subscribing to the [Weekly Planner Email](#). We want to connect where you are & hear your voice within our community.



Newsela resources to use at home

Our daily articles and summer independent reading challenge are perfect for at-home learning during the summer months.



Caregivers Support for Newsela

Welcome Caregivers! We're so excited to introduce you to Newsela so you can best support your student and read alongside them.

What is Newsela?

Newsela is an online platform that takes articles, videos, and other content and makes it accessible and engaging for students. Texts are available at five reading levels, many in both English and Spanish.

How does my student login to Newsela?

Students can access Newsela through their school portal or instructions provided by their teacher.

The mobile app is available to students as well.

Scan the QR code to login.



What is a Caregiver account?

A Caregiver account allows you to login to Newsela to read alongside your student.

[Click here](#) to create your account and scan the QR code for step-by-step instructions.



How can I support my student with Newsela?

When students read on Newsela, encourage them to use the annotation tool to summarize, find the main idea, or make text to self connections.

Scan the QR code for more tips.



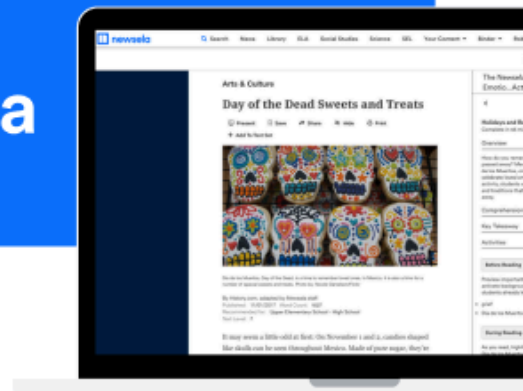
How can I manage student assignments?

Students can access their teachers' assignments on the Assignments page.

Scan the QR code to access the page.



Meaningful connection and conversation through Newsela



Welcome to Newsela! We are excited to join you on your student's learning journey. We have a few ideas to help you get started using Newsela with your student(s).

- **Read aloud together:** Set a time everyday and build a routine to read together, whether it's a text the teacher assigned or independent reading. Use Newsela's Read Aloud tool as well!
- **Help students make connections:** While reading, relate the content to family memories or the world around you.
- **Encourage independent reading on Newsela:** Encourage students to search or use the homepage to find articles about topics they love -- from basketball to marine biology, we have something for every student!
- **Review teacher instructions:** If you are working on a reading that was assigned by your student's teacher, be sure to view the instructions at the top of the assignment.

Sentence starters for great conversation

To spark conversation

Before Reading:

- Why did you select this article?
- What do you think this article is going to be about?

During Reading:

- What do you think will happen next?
- If you were the person in this article, what would you have done differently in that situation?

After Reading:

- What was the most interesting thing you learned from the article?
- Why do you think the author wrote this article?

To spark connection

- Can you relate to the person/people in the article? How?
- Have you ever felt like how the person in the article felt? When?
- Does the article remind you of anything else you've already read or seen?
- Would you be friends with the person/people from the article?
- What surprised you from this article?

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Please reach out to your site administrator with any questions!

Apoyo a Caregivers para utilizar Newsela

¡Bienvenidos, Caregivers (cuidadores)! Estamos muy contentos de presentarles Newsela para que puedan brindar más ayuda a los estudiantes y leer con ellos.

¿Qué es Newsela?

Newsela es una plataforma en línea que toma artículos, videos y otros contenidos y los hace accesibles y atractivos para los estudiantes. Los textos están disponibles en cinco niveles de lectura, muchos de ellos en inglés y español.

¿Cómo ingresan los estudiantes a Newsela?

Los estudiantes pueden ingresar a Newsela a través del portal de su escuela o de las instrucciones del maestro.

La aplicación móvil también está disponible para los estudiantes.

Escaneen el código QR para iniciar sesión.



¿Qué es una cuenta de Caregiver?

Una cuenta de Caregiver les permite ingresar a Newsela para leer con los estudiantes.

Hagan clic aquí para crear una cuenta y escaneen el código QR para ver las instrucciones paso a paso.



¿Cómo se puede ayudar a los estudiantes con Newsela?

Cuando los estudiantes lean en Newsela, anímenlos a utilizar la herramienta de Annotation (comentarios) para resumir, identificar la idea principal o establecer relaciones entre el texto y sus propias experiencias.

Escaneen el código QR para ver más consejos.



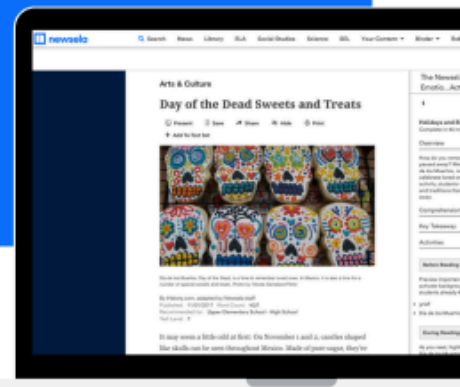
¿Cómo se pueden ver las tareas de los estudiantes?

Los estudiantes pueden ver las tareas asignadas por sus maestros en la página de Assignments (tareas).

Escaneen el código QR para visitar la página.



Conexiones y conversaciones valiosas a través de Newsela



¡Bienvenidos a Newsela! Estamos encantados de acompañarlos en el viaje de aprendizaje de los estudiantes. Tenemos algunas ideas para ayudarlos a empezar a utilizar Newsela con ellos.

- **Lean juntos en voz alta:** Fijen una hora todos los días y establezcan una rutina para leer juntos, ya sea un texto que les haya asignado el maestro o una lectura de su preferencia. Utilicen también la herramienta de Read Aloud (lectura en voz alta) de Newsela.
- **Ayuden a los estudiantes a establecer conexiones:** Mientras leen, relacionen el contenido con recuerdos familiares o con el mundo que los rodea.
- **Fomenten la lectura independiente en Newsela:** Motiven a los estudiantes a que busquen o utilicen la página de inicio para encontrar artículos sobre los temas que les gustan. Desde baloncesto hasta biología marina, ¡tenemos algo para cada estudiante!
- **Revisen las instrucciones del maestro:** Si están trabajando en una lectura que fue asignada por el maestro, no dejen de leer las instrucciones en la parte superior de la tarea.

Frases para iniciar una buena conversación

Para empezar una conversación

Antes de leer:

- ¿Por qué elegiste este artículo?
- ¿De qué crees que va a tratar este artículo?

Durante la lectura:

- ¿Qué crees que pasará después?
- Si fueras la persona que aparece en este artículo, ¿qué habrías hecho de forma diferente en esa situación?

Después de leer:

- ¿Qué fue lo más interesante que aprendiste del artículo?
- ¿Por qué crees que se escribió este artículo?

Para encontrar una conexión

- ¿Te sientes identificado(a) con la persona o las personas que aparecen en el artículo? ¿Cómo?
- ¿Te has sentido alguna vez como la persona del artículo? ¿Cuándo?
- ¿Te recuerda el artículo a algo que ya hayas leído o visto?
- ¿Serías amigo(a) de la persona o las personas que aparecen en el artículo?
- ¿Qué te sorprendió de este artículo?

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Get students reading with our 6-week summer reading challenges!

Keep students engaged over summer with our student-led, summer reading challenges. Students can read articles across different engaging topics and complete activities to earn tokens and badges.

Reading Challenge Part 1: June 1st- July 14th

ELA Topics	Social Studies Topics	Science Topics	Social Emotional Topics
Ice Hockey	The Great Depression	Protecting our Planet	Building Empathy
Summertime Poetry	Art History	Nom Noms and Nourishment: Animal Diets	Heal Through Music
Celebrating LGBTQ Writers	It's all Greek to me	Windows to the Soul: Exploring Eyes	Growth Mindset

Reading Challenge Part 2: July 15th - August 30th

ELA Topics	Social Studies Topics	Science Topics	Social Emotional Topics
Summer Olympics	President Profiles	Activists and Earth Heroes	Be an Upstander
Poems and America	Trade Around the World	Creatures of the Deep	Express Yourself!
Swimming	Court is in Season	What's that Smell?	Summer Fun!

*Students will have access to the topics that align with the accompanying license i.e. ELA Topics will be included with any Newsela ELA License.

To access our reading challenges, scan this QR code or visit newsela.com/challenges



