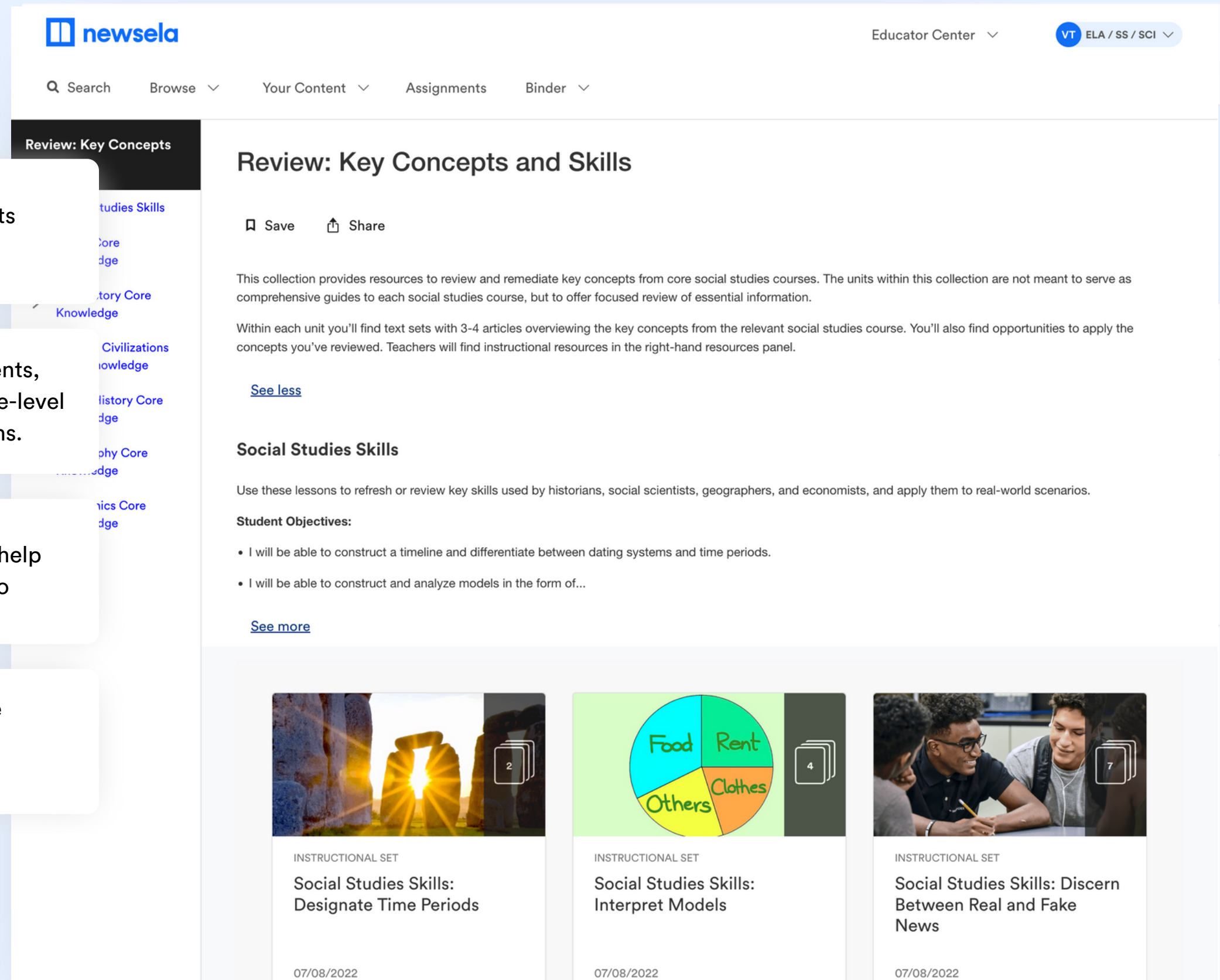# Social Studies Classroom Resources

Explore Newsela Social Studies content to bring meaningful learning to your classroom

Social studies curations that support literacy skills

Key Concepts and Skills

Essential background on concepts from core social studies courses.

Explainer videos

Key information on historical events, people, and ideas reinforce grade-level concepts and deepen connections.

Primary sources

Historical documents, speeches, firsthand accounts, and more to help build skills from summarization to argumentation.

This Week in History

Weekly opportunities to practice literacy skills in the context of social studies.

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Review: Key Concepts and Skills

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This collection provides resources to review and remediate key concepts from core social studies courses. The units within this collection are not meant to serve as comprehensive guides to each social studies course, but to offer focused review of essential information.

Within each unit you'll find text sets with 3-4 articles overviewing the key concepts from the relevant social studies course. You'll also find opportunities to apply the concepts you've reviewed. Teachers will find instructional resources in the right-hand resources panel.

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Social Studies Skills

Use these lessons to refresh or review key skills used by historians, social scientists, geographers, and economists, and apply them to real-world scenarios.

Student Objectives:

• I will be able to construct a timeline and differentiate between dating systems and time periods.

• I will be able to construct and analyze models in the form of...

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Social Studies Skills: Designate Time Periods

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Social Studies Skills: Interpret Models

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Social Studies Skills: Discern Between Real and Fake News

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Social studies curations that support background knowledge

Key Concepts and Skills

Resources to quickly review key concepts from core social studies courses.

Explainer Videos

Key information on historical events and people necessary for understanding a variety of social studies topics.

Issue Overviews

Deep dive into topics that shape government policy and affect students' daily lives.

Social studies curations for including diverse perspectives in your instruction

C3 Teachers Inquiries
Encourage student-led exploration of multiple perspectives and facilitate productive discourse on complex topics.

Black U.S. History Collection
Go beyond mainstream narratives about the history of Black people by recognizing the monumental contributions to modern and historical American life made by the Black community

Civics and Engaged Citizenship
Understand political participation and policy issues from multiple perspectives.

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Black U.S. History

- › What is Black U.S. History?
- › West Africa to North America: Invasion, capture and resistance (14th Century-1775)
- Independence for Whom? The Black Experience in the Revolutionary Era (1775-1820)
- Fighting for Freedom and Humanity: Legacy of the Civil War (1820-1877)
- Facing Backlash and Violence: The Hardening of Jim Crow (1877-1920)

Black U.S. History

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What is Black U.S. History?

Ask many non-historians and they'll tell you that history is merely a series of events that happened in the past. Maybe they'll claim to find history boring for all its emphasis on memorizing names and dates. Or they'll say they don't see the point: Why bother learning about people who are dead and gone? But historians know that history is so much more than names, dates and sequences of...

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Resources
for Black U.S. History   ✕

← **Lesson Sparks**

How to use this collection
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This collection is designed to be used in both a year-long African American course in its entirety or in a semester length African American course where teachers have choice of which lessons to use. The lessons can also be integrated and used in an United States Survey course.

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Structure of the course   ⌄

Lesson Implementation Suggestions   ⌄

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What is History?
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- Links to How-To Videos

Enhance your instruction with Newsela with these professional learning options

Get started with Newsela

Learn the basics for long-term Newsela success with this collection of curated resources.

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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

View Resource

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

▶ **What is Newsela?**

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▶ **How to annotate text in articles for students**

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🔗 **How to use and edit write prompts in your assignments**