

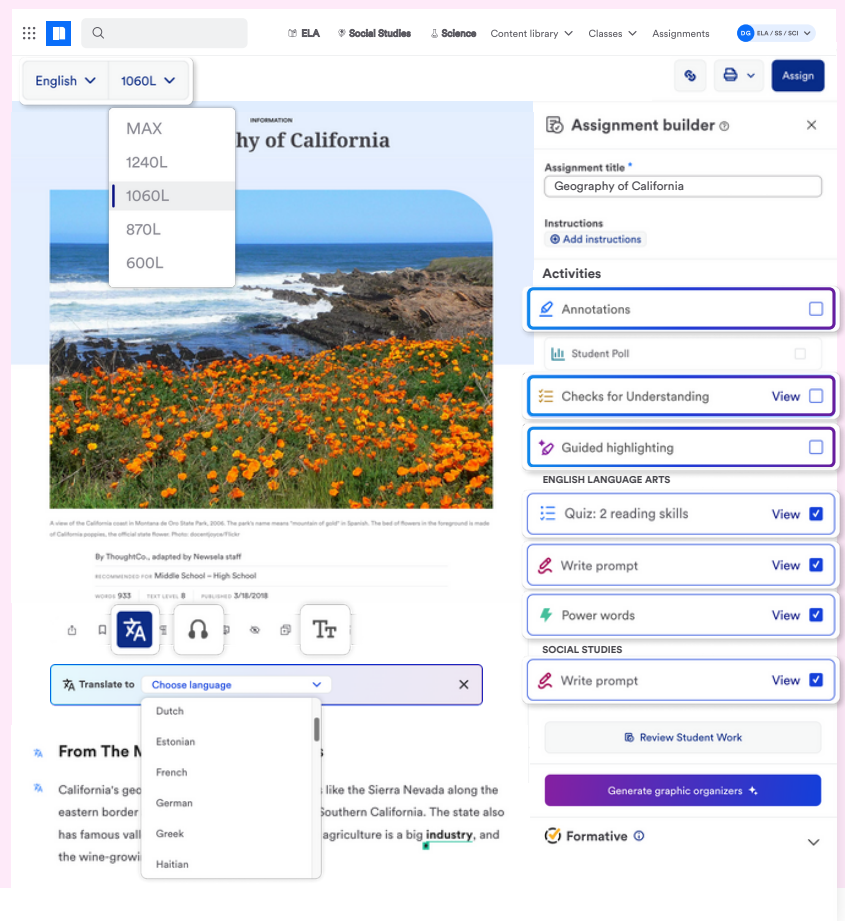
History, Headlines, and Lessons to Shape Tomorrow's Citizens



Inspire students with diverse, state-specific content — including materials curated to support California's standards and initiatives — that connects history with current events and promotes scaffolded, inquiry-based learning, all in one place.

- Engage students with **relevant, diverse, and authentic materials** like primary sources, biographies, speeches, and videos.
- **Create an inquiry-driven experience** that places your students at the forefront using curated text sets for digital citizenship, media literacy skills, and C3 inquiry skills.
- **Build literacy skills** by helping students make sense of the world through texts, discussions, and critical thinking.
- Drive success for all students with **Luna, an AI assistant**, that powers features such as a text leveler, text translator, checks for understanding, graphic organizers, and more to support all learners.

Students who used Newsela Social Studies weekly showed the equivalent of an additional year of instruction on their state social studies exam.



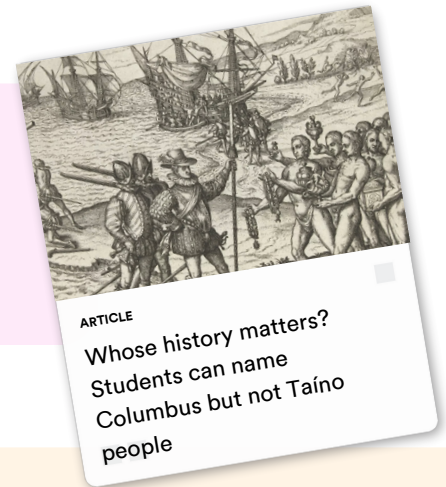
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Tailor instruction to the **needs of your unique classroom and community.**

By integrating local narratives and resources, California educators can create learning experiences that resonate with students' lives while covering essential standards and initiatives.

Ethnic Studies

The California Ethnic Studies Collection includes four units curated around core themes in Ethnic Studies: Identity, Power, Community, and Movements, with content both specific to California and national. It provides instructional supports for teachers with clear alignment to the California Ethnic Studies framework.

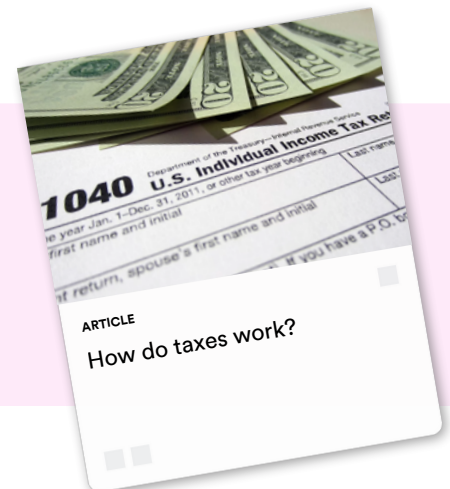


California Elementary Social Studies

The California Elementary Social Studies collection offers content and instructional resources to support two grade levels: 4th and 5th grade. The content is organized in alignment with the CA Social Studies Framework.

California Financial Literacy Collection

The California Financial Literacy collection offers content and instructional resources to support California students in meeting the financial literacy requirement. This collection covers major financial literacy concepts, including budgeting, banking, debt and credit, investing, and much more.



Lesson Sparks

Lesson Objective	✓
Lesson Sequence	✓
MLL Supports	✓
Character Development	✓
Standards	✓

Each collection includes a unique and robust set of resources that enable teachers to deliver the content in a meaningful way.

Overview of The CA Ethnic Studies Collection

Unit	Key Questions and Sample Lessons
Who am I? IDENTITY	Compelling Question: Does understanding one's identity and the identities of others have the power to eradicate racism? Essential Questions: • Who am I? What shapes my identity? • How do race, ethnicity, nationality/citizenship, and culture shape identity? • How does one's identity impact their sense of belonging and relationship to the world? Sample Lessons: • What is identity? • What is race? • Collision of race, ethnicity, nationality, and culture • Tracing your heritage • Multiracial and multicultural identities • Representation in popular culture and media • Self love
Why is the world the way it is? SYSTEMS & POWER	Compelling Question: Do individuals have the power to transform systems that are oppressive? Essential Questions: • What are the systems at the root of our lives? • What is my relationship to these systems? • How have systems and power shaped the world around use? • How have individuals and groups acted to shape and/or transform oppressive systems? Sample Lessons: • Chattel slavery: Uniquely American • United States political system • American Capitalism • Patriarchy and race • Global system of colonialism and imperialism • Intersectionality • Citizenship • Segregation, housing, wealth, and race

Unit	Key Questions and Sample Lessons
Who are we? FAMILY & COMMUNITY STORIES	Compelling Question: Does studying narratives of communities of color have the power to eradicate racism? Essential Questions: • Who is my community? Who are we? What has shaped us, how, and why? • What are the studies of communities of color in the United States? • What might we make of our communities and families in the future? Sample Lessons • Introduction to master- and counter-narratives • Reclaiming narratives, preserving culture and stories • Origin and migration stories of Indigenous Americans, African Americans, Latinx Americans, and Asian Americans
What can we do? MOVEMENTS & SOLIDARITY	Compelling question: How and why have communities of color organized themselves to resist oppression and fight for positive social change? Essential Questions • What are the root causes of the injustices people of color have historically faced? • How do systems affect people of color and how do people of color affect change in the system(s)? • What is positive social transformation? • How have, and do, people of color respond to oppression and injustice? • What role do individuals play in the transformation of themselves, their communities and larger society? Sample lessons: • Indigenous resistance throughout American history • Civil Rights Movement: Legislative challenges, protest, boycotts, and civil disobedience • Back and forth on the border: U.S. - Mexico immigration policy • Policies of Asian exclusion and resistance • Farmworkers movement

Unit	Key Questions and Sample Lessons
Extension: What is Ethnic Studies?	Compelling Question: Has the purpose of Ethnic Studies been fulfilled? Essential Questions: • What are the origins, history, and purpose of Ethnic Studies? • What are the principles and values of Ethnic Studies? • Where is Ethnic Studies now? Sample Lessons: • Introduction to Ethnic Studies • History of Ethnic Studies • Future of Ethnic Studies

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Unit	Sample Lessons
Early California History	- Physical and Human Features that Define California - Pre-Contact Settlements and People - European Exploration and Colonial History
California in the 18th and 19th Centuries	- Missions, Ranchos, and the Mexican War for Independence - The Gold Rush and Statehood - California as Agricultural and Industrial Power
California in the 20th and 21st Centuries,	- California in a Time of Expansion - California in the Post-War Era: Immigration, Technology and Cities
Indigenous Lands	- The Land and People Pre-Contact - Age of Exploration - Cooperation and Conflict in North America
Colonial America	- Settling the Colonies - The Road to War - The American Revolution
The United States Forms and Expands	- Development and Significance of U.S. Constitution - Life in the Young Republic - The New Nation’s Westward Expansion

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Unit	Sample Lessons
Personal Financial Decision-Making	• Personal Finance Values • Biases and Financial Decision-Making • Loss Aversion and the Endowment Effect • Impact of Herd Mentality • Psychology of Financial Decision-Making
Earning Income	• Understanding Career Choices • “Gig” Employment • Entrepreneurs • Making Informed Career Decisions • Investments as Income • Federal, State, and Local Taxes • Income Tax • Social Security and Retirement
Goods and Services	• Understanding Consumer Decision-Making • Impact on Consumer Behavior • Forms of Payments • Understanding Consumer Contracts • Identifying Billing Errors • Motivations for Charitable Donations • How Governments Protect and Inform Consumers • Budget and Goals
Managing Money	• Types of Financial Accounts • Managing Financial Accounts • Protecting Financial Accounts • Impact of Interest • Impact of Inflation (Exemplar) • Incentives and Disincentives for Saving

Unit	Sample Lessons
Credit	• Cost of Credit • Failure to Repay Loans • Managing Debt • Mortgages and Home Ownership • Consumer Rights and Credit Protection • Financing Postsecondary Education • Understanding the Loan Process • Cost of Borrowing Money • Credit Score
Investing	• Purpose and Types of Investments • Investment Accounts • Investing in Digital Currency • Taking Investment Risks • Rate of Return • Government's Role in Investment • The Financial Markets Impact on Investment
Risk Assessment and Insurance	• Costs Assessment • Protection from Identity Theft • Government as a Social Safety Net • Types of Insurance • Understanding Premiums • Choosing Insurance • Future Financial Planning • Personal Finance Laws • Your Digital Footprint