

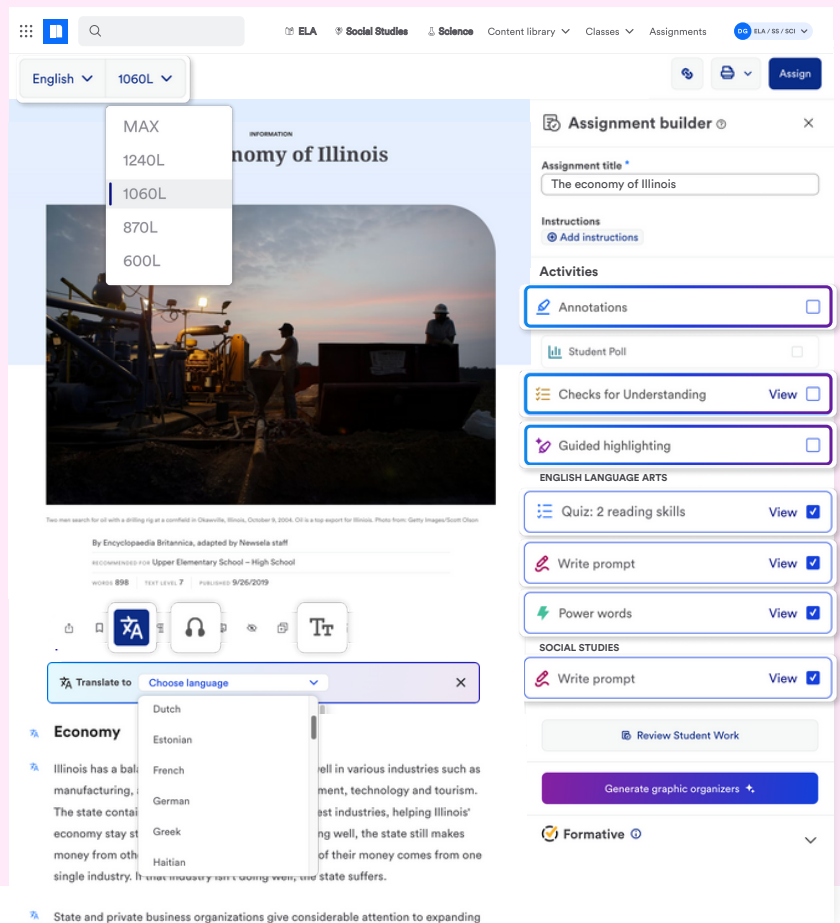
History, Headlines, and Lessons to Shape Tomorrow's Citizens

Inspire students with diverse, state-specific content — including materials curated to support Illinois' 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.



The screenshot displays the Newsela Social Studies interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with options like ELA, Social Studies, Science, Content library, Classes, Assignments, and a user profile. Below this, a dropdown menu shows text levels: MAX, 1240L, 1060L (selected), 870L, and 600L. The main content area features an article titled "The economy of Illinois" with a photo of a construction site. Below the article, there's a section for "Economy" with a text leveler and a text translator. On the right side, there's an "Assignment builder" panel with fields for "Assignment title" (The economy of Illinois), "Instructions" (Add instructions), and "Activities" (Annotations, Checks for Understanding, Guided highlighting, Quiz: 2 reading skills, Write prompt, Power words). At the bottom, there's a "Formative" section.



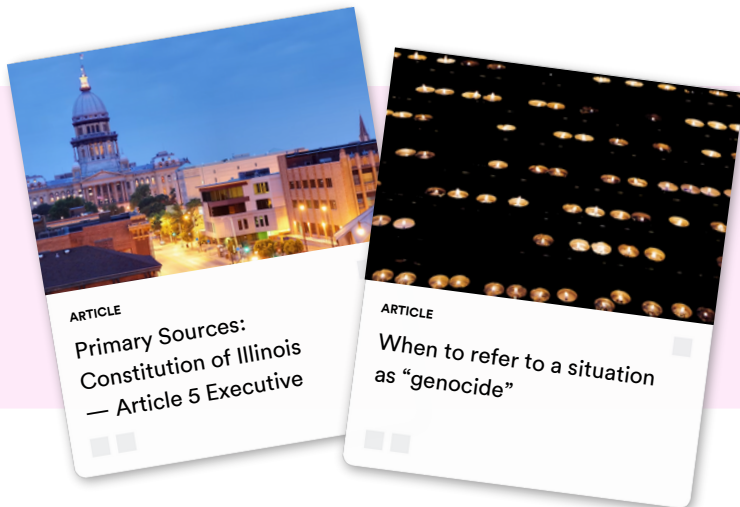
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Tailor instruction to the **needs of your unique classroom and community.**

Included in the extensive Newsela Social Studies library, Illinois educators will find collections specifically designed to help them create learning experiences that resonate with students' lives while covering essential standards and initiatives.

Illinois State History Collection

The Illinois State History Collection curates state-specific sources at an accessible level for Illinois' fourth graders.



Illinois State Mandates

The Illinois Mandates Collection provides resources aligned to some of the social studies mandates required in Illinois, specifically focused on Civics and Holocaust/Genocide studies.

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



Lesson Sparks

Objectives 

Lesson Sequence 

ELL Supports 

Extensions 

Standards 

Overview of The Illinois State History Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
Physical and Human Geography	• Discovering the Social Sciences • Exploring Regions of the United States • The Geography of Illinois
Historical Thinking Skills	• The Peopling of the United States • A Crop Duster Tour of the Midwest • The History of Illinois
Economics & Government	• Researching Illinois Economics

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Mandate	Sample Units and Lessons
Holocaust and Genocide Studies	• The Holocaust • Genocide Studies
Middle School Civics	• Foundations of Government • Structure of the Federal Government • Rights and Responsibilities of the People • State and Local Government • Political Participation • Shaping Public Policy • Policy Issues • Global Citizenship
High School Civics	• Foundations and Structure of Government • Rights and Responsibilities of the People • State and Local Government • Political Participation and Public Policy
Black U.S. History	• What is Black U.S. History? • West Africa to North America • Independence from Whom? • Fighting for Freedom and Humanity • Facing Backlash and Violence • Forward or Backward? • Illusion of Equality • A job Unfinished
Media Literacy and Internet Safety	• What is media literacy? • What does it mean to be a responsible digital citizen? • What’s real and what’s fake (news)? • How can bias change the world we see? • What is AI? • What is an algorithm, and how does it shape what we see online?

Mandate	Sample Units and Lessons
Women's History	• Resourceful Women • Women Leaders • Women and Innovation • Women as Activists • Women and War
Asian American History	• AANHPI Culture and Communities • Exclusion and Persecution • Historical Activism • Contemporary Activism • Allyship • Cultural contributions
Commemorative Dates	• Birth of Muhammad Ali • Christa McAuliffe Day • Birth of Susan B. Anthony • Vietnam War Veterans Day • Korean War Veterans Day • 9/11 Remembrance Day • Pearl Harbor
Native American History	• Celebrating Cultures • Continuing Traditions • Activism • Youth Leaders • Innovations • Communities Throughout Time
Career Education	• Understanding Career Choices • Making Informed Career Decisions • Gig Employment
Climate Change	• Studying Climate Change • Consequences of Climate Change • U.N. Goals • Environmental Policy
LGBTQIA+ Studies	• Gender Identity and Sexuality • Intersectionality • Marginalization • History of the Gay Rights Movement • Cultural Influences