

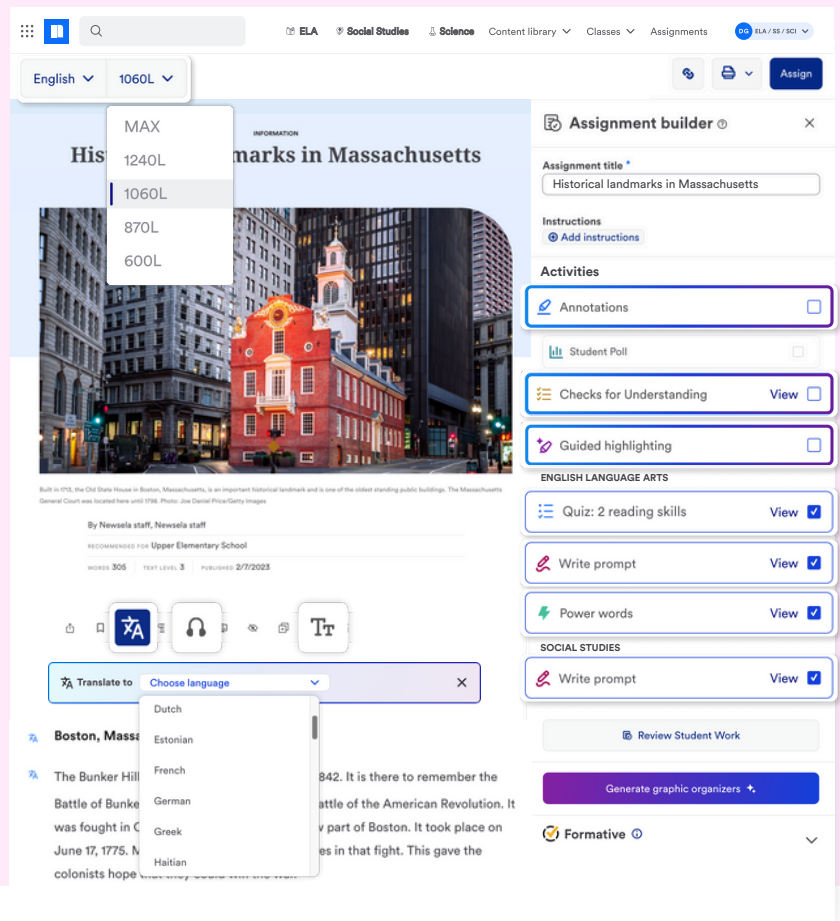
# History, Headlines, and Lessons to Shape Tomorrow's Citizens



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

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

- 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 levester, text translator, checks for understanding, graphic organizers, and more to support all learners.



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

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

### The Massachusetts Eighth Grade Social Studies Collection

The Massachusetts Eighth Grade Social Studies Collection includes texts and lessons curated to support the 8th grade social studies standards, focused on Civics. The Collection also includes resources to explicitly support the MCAS assessment.



ARTICLE  
War of words erupts into the American Revolution



ARTICLE  
Issue Overview: Voting rights



ARTICLE  
Empires of the Americas



ARTICLE  
Early Civilization in the Indus Valley

### The Massachusetts Investigating History Curriculum Complement

The Massachusetts Investigating History Curriculum Complement offers curated texts supporting grades 3-7, aligned to the Investigating History scope and sequence.

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 MA 8th Grade Social Studies Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
Foundations of U.S. Government and Political Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Influence</li> <li>• The Enlightenment and the British Influence</li> <li>• Early Government in the Americas</li> <li>• Cornerstone Activity</li> </ul>
The Development of the United States Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road to Revolution</li> <li>• Articles of Confederation and Remaking the Government</li> <li>• Constitutional Conventions</li> <li>• The Constitution</li> <li>• Cornerstone Activity</li> </ul>
Institutions of the United States Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separation of Powers</li> <li>• Checks and Balances</li> <li>• The Political System</li> <li>• Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities</li> <li>• The Constitution and the Supreme Court</li> <li>• Cornerstone Activity</li> </ul>
MA State & Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State v. Federal Government</li> <li>• Modern Government of Massachusetts</li> <li>• Modern Government of Stoughton</li> <li>• Cornerstone Activity</li> </ul>
Freedom of the Press and News / Media Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom of the Press</li> <li>• Media and Government</li> <li>• Perspective and Bias in Media</li> <li>• Digital Media and Democracy</li> <li>• Cornerstone Activity</li> </ul>
Civic Life Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Action: How Can We Make a Difference?</li> <li>• Engagement at Different Levels of Government</li> </ul>