

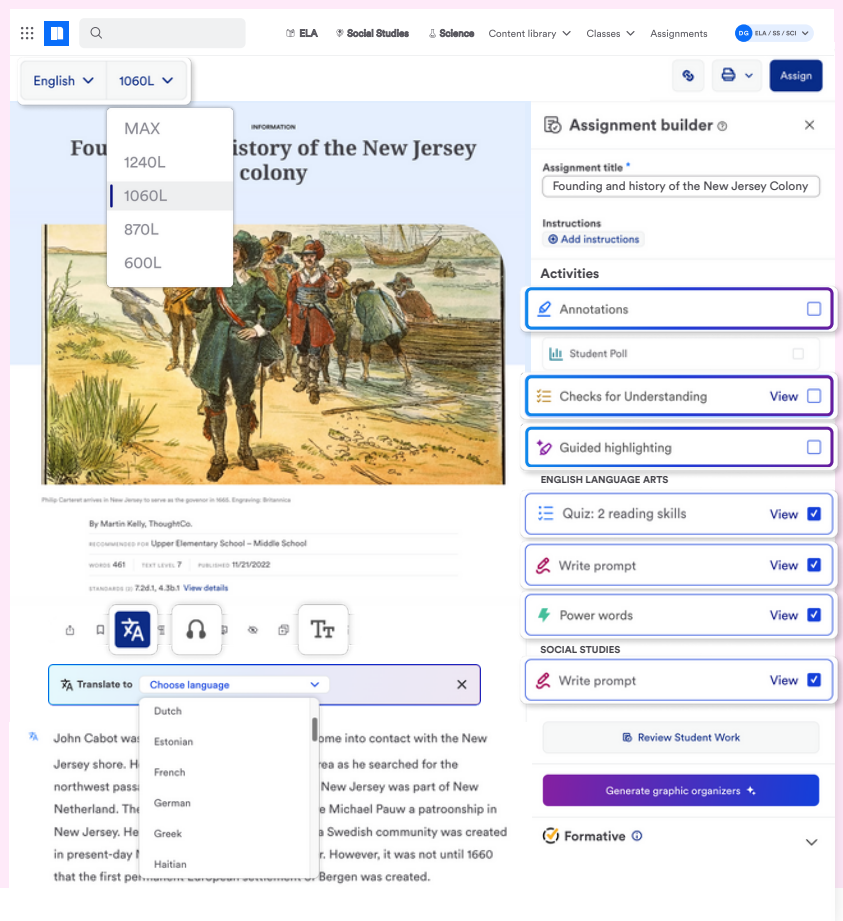
History, Headlines, and Lessons to Shape Tomorrow's Citizens

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



The screenshot displays the Newsela Social Studies platform interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for ELA, Social Studies, Science, Content library, Classes, Assignments, and a user profile. Below this, a dropdown menu shows language and level options (English, 1060L). The main content area features a historical illustration of a group of people on a beach, with the title "Founding and history of the New Jersey colony" and a byline "By Martin Kelly, ThoughtCo." Below the illustration, there's a text excerpt about John Cabot's arrival in New Jersey. To the right, an "Assignment builder" sidebar is visible, containing sections for "Assignment title", "Instructions", "Activities" (Annotations, Student Poll, Checks for Understanding, Guided highlighting), "ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS" (Quiz: 2 reading skills, Write prompt, Power words), and "SOCIAL STUDIES" (Write prompt). At the bottom, there's a "Review Student Work" button and a "Generate graphic organizers" button.



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

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

The New Jersey Media Literacy Collection

The New Jersey Media Literacy Collection curates texts and instructional resources to support students to develop essential media literacy skills, with several included inquiries that challenge students to investigate some of the ways in which media influences their lives.



The New Jersey LGBTQIA+ and People with Disability Studies Collection

This collection provides extensive resources to support mandates on incorporating marginalized voices into the classroom. The collection includes historical context on the experiences of these marginalized groups, first-person narratives, and current events.



The New Jersey Climate Change Collection

The content in this collection explores the causes and impacts of climate change in New Jersey, as well as potential solutions the state and its residents could pursue.

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 NJ Media Literacy Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
Media Literacy	• The Importance of Media Literacy • Inquiry: Are students protected by the First Amendment? • The Power of Algorithms • Media Consumption • Impact of the Media • Clickbait • Fake News • Finding Credible News • Politics & the Media • Reading for Bias • Non-Dominant Narratives and the News • Inquiry: Is the Internet good for democracy? • Digital Citizenship • My Digital Footprint • Data, Privacy and Security • Tiktok

Overview of The New Jersey LGBTQIA+ and People with Disabilities Studies Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
LGBTQIA+ Studies	• Gender Norms • Terminology • Challenging the Norm • Challenges to Heteronormativity • Introduction to Intersectionality • Intersectionality and Me • Archetypes and Biases of the LGBTQIA+ Community • Systemic Silencing • Marginalization of Queer People of Color • The Silencing of a Crisis: HIV/AIDS Epidemic • Origins • Rights Groups • Early Impacts • Stonewall • Harvey Milk • Spread of a Movement • Don't Ask-Don't Tell; Defense of Marriage Acts • Landmark Supreme Court Decisions • Music • Movies and TV • Art • Politics • Business and Entrepreneurship • Athletes • Pride Events • Gay-Straight Alliance • Your Community's LGBTQIA+ Policies • Interview a Local Advocate

Unit	Sample Lessons
People With Disabilities	• Identification of Disabilities • Understanding and Overcoming Obstacles • Mental vs. Physical Disabilities • Workplace Requirements • 1800s • 1900s • Present Day • Music • Movies and TV • Art • Politics • Influential People • Athletes • Allyship • Your Community's Awareness and Accommodations • Interview a Local Advocate

Overview of NJ Climate Change Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
Climate Change	• Why is the climate changing? • How is climate change impacting New Jersey? • New Jersey Climate Change Impact • Temperature Changes • Sea Level Rise and Flooding • Storms, Wildfires, and Other Impacts • What is NJ doing about climate change? • How can I make a difference?