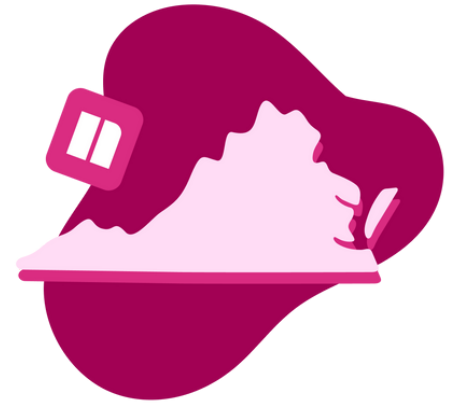


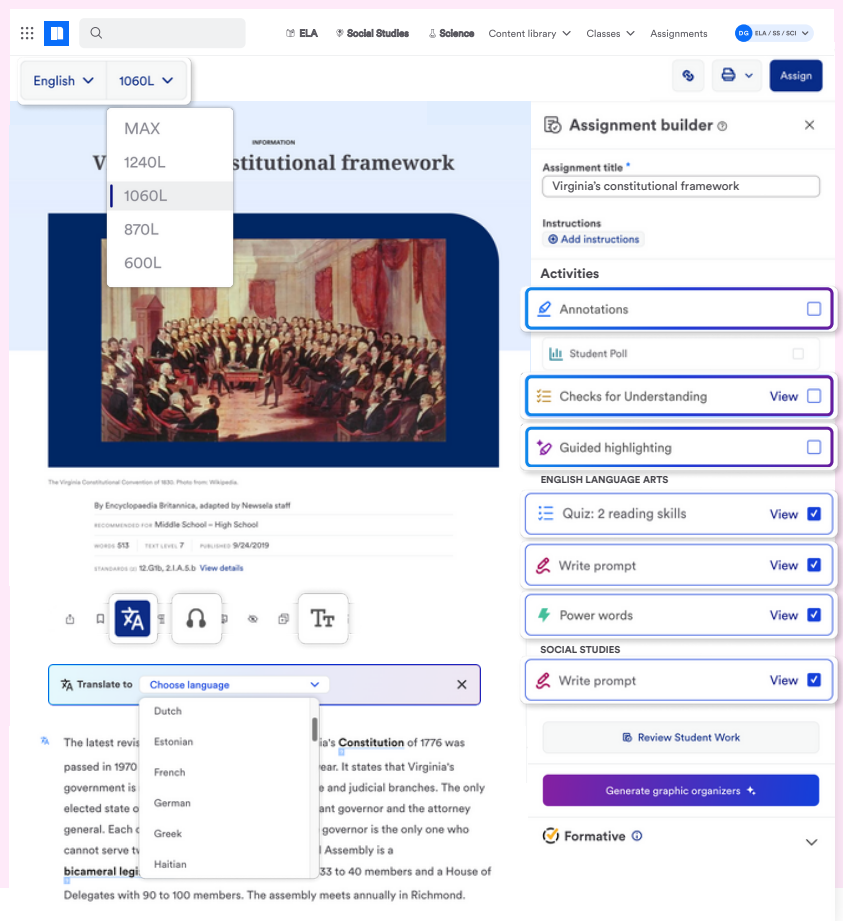
# History, Headlines, and Lessons to Shape Tomorrow's Citizens

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

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

### The Virginia State History Collection

The Virginia State History Collection provides state-specific resources and instructional supports curated to align to VA's 4th grade state history standards.



### The Virginia Mandates Collection

The Virginia Mandates Collection provides resources aligned to some of the social studies mandates required in Virginia, 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 Virginia State History Collection

| Unit                                        | Sample Lessons                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Geography: Virginia's Place in the World    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Geography</li> <li>Virginia's Physical Geography</li> <li>Products and Industries of Virginia</li> </ul>                                                                   |
| Geography and the Virginians                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geographic Regions, Products and Industries</li> <li>Physical Geography and the Lives of Native Peoples</li> <li>Climate and Environment</li> </ul>                              |
| The First Permanent Settlement in America   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Colonization and the Settlement of Jamestown</li> <li>Hardships Faced by the Settlers at Jamestown</li> <li>Native Contributions to the Survival of Jamestown</li> </ul> |
| Growth of the Virginia Colony               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charters of the Virginia Company</li> <li>Development of Government</li> <li>Culture in the Virginia Colony</li> </ul>                                                           |
| Life in the Virginia Colony                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocation of the Capital</li> <li>Economy in the Colony</li> <li>Daily Life</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
| Colonial Virginia and the Revolutionary War | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disagreement with the British</li> <li>Roles of People in the Revolutionary War</li> <li>Victory at Yorktown</li> </ul>                                                          |
| Virginia and a New American Nation          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richmond and the Capital City</li> <li>Virginia's Founders</li> <li>Geography and the Movement of People and Ideas</li> </ul>                                                    |

| Unit                                                   | Sample Lessons                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| The Civil War and Virginia                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difference Between Northern and Southern States</li> <li>• Major Battles of the Civil War and Roles of Various People</li> <li>• Reconstruction and Virginia</li> </ul>    |
| Virginia after the Civil War and into the 20th Century | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Reconstruction of Virginia</li> <li>• Economic and Social Transition of Virginia</li> <li>• Social and Political Events and People in 20th Century Virginia</li> </ul> |
| The Government and Economy of Virginia                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social and Political Events and People in 20th Century Virginia (Review)</li> <li>• Government of Virginia</li> <li>• Economy of Virginia</li> </ul>                       |

# Overview of The Virginia High School Civics Collection

| Unit                                      | Sample Lessons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Foundations and Structure of Government   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Democracy</li> <li>• Philosophical Foundations of Government</li> <li>• Ratification Debates of the U.S. Constitution</li> <li>• Inquiry: First Amendment</li> <li>• U.S. Constitution and Purpose of Government</li> <li>• Executive Branch</li> <li>• Legislative Branch</li> <li>• Judicial Branch</li> <li>• Checks and Balances</li> <li>• Inquiry: Federalism - What has the power?</li> </ul> |
| Rights and Responsibilities of the People | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizenship in American</li> <li>• Expansion of Citizenship Over Time</li> <li>• The Bill of Rights</li> <li>• Amendments to the U.S. Constitution</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| State and Local Government                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levels of Government</li> <li>• Virginia Government Responsibilities</li> <li>• Local Government Responsibilities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Political Participation and Public Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civic Engagement</li> <li>• Voting</li> <li>• Voting Rights</li> <li>• Political Ideology</li> <li>• Electoral Process</li> <li>• Interest Groups and Lobbies</li> <li>• Role of Media</li> <li>• Inquiry: Youth Voting - Am I going to Vote?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                     |

# Overview of The Virginia Holocaust and Genocide Studies Collection

| Unit             | Sample Lessons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Holocaust        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History of Antisemitism</li><li>• Pre-War Jewish Life</li><li>• Impact of WWI and Rise of Fascism</li><li>• Adolf Hitler and Nazi Ideology</li><li>• Scapegoating and Propaganda</li><li>• Anti-Jewish Escalation</li><li>• Exclusion and Resettlement</li><li>• The "Final Solution"</li><li>• Resistance Efforts</li><li>• Death Toll and Liberation</li><li>• Creation of the United Nations</li><li>• Nuremberg Trials</li><li>• Inquiry: Are bystanders guilty too?</li></ul> |
| Genocide Studies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Defining Genocide</li><li>• Inquiry: Role of the International Community in Genocide</li><li>• Genocide of Indigenous Peoples</li><li>• Armenian Genocide</li><li>• Famine Genocide in Ukraine</li><li>• Cambodian Genocide</li><li>• Rwandan Genocide</li><li>• Sudan / Darfur Genocide</li><li>• Rohingya Genocide</li><li>• Inquiry: Does the label "genocide" matter?</li></ul>                                                                                                |