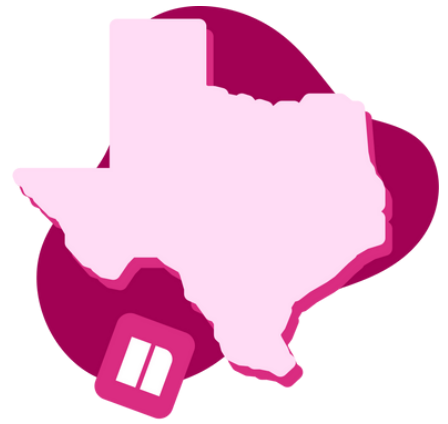


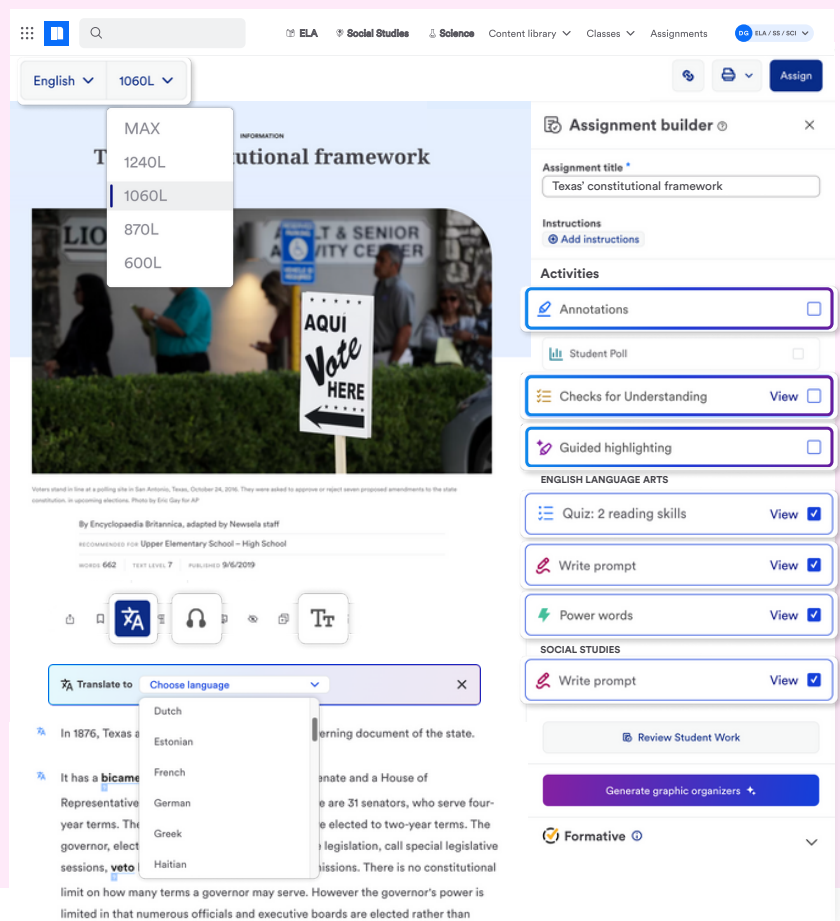
History, Headlines, and Lessons to Shape Tomorrow's Citizens

Inspire students with diverse, state-specific content — including materials curated to support Texas' 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. The main content area shows a text set titled "Texas' constitutional framework" with a photo of voters at a polling station. A dropdown menu for text levels is open, showing options from 600L to MAX. The right sidebar contains the "Assignment builder" with fields for "Assignment title" (Texas' constitutional framework), "Instructions", and "Activities". The "Activities" section includes checkboxes for "Annotations", "Student Poll", "Checks for Understanding", "Guided highlighting", and "Quiz: 2 reading skills". Below these are sections for "ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS" and "SOCIAL STUDIES", each with a "Write prompt" option. At the bottom, there is a "Review Student Work" button and a "Generate graphic organizers" button. A "Formative" section is also visible at the bottom right. A language translation dropdown is open at the bottom left, showing options like Dutch, Estonian, French, German, Greek, and Haitian.



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

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

Texas State History

Cover the essential TEKS with curated texts and instructional resources on Texas history, from pre-contact Native American history to modern times, aligned to 7th grade TEKS.



Texas Elementary Social Studies

The Texas Elementary Social Studies Collection provides TEKS-aligned resources for grades 2-5.



Texas Mexican-American Studies

Explore the rich history and cultural contributions of Mexican-Americans with resources that range from the era of Mesoamerican empires through the 21st century.

TEKS Resource System Middle School

The TEKS Resource System Middle School Collection provides curated content aligned to 6-8th grade TEKS.

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



Emergent Bilingual Supports



Character Development



TEKS



Overview of The Texas State History Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
Geography of Texas	• Reading and Creating Maps • Challenges for Mapmakers • When to Use Different Maps • Maps Over Time • Applying Geography • Five Themes of Geography: Location • Five Themes of Geography: Place • Five Themes of Geography: Human Interaction with the Environment • Five Themes of Geography: Movement • Five Themes of Geography: Region • Texas the Lone Star State • The Four Regions of Texas • Climate Diversity of Texas • Climate Challenges in Rural Texas • Texas Maps and Graphs • Impact of the Environment • Human Impact on the Environment • Tracking Texas Population
Native Cultures of Texas	• Tribes of the Gulf • Tribes of the Plains: Culture • Tribes of the Plains: Impact of the Horse • Tribes of the Pueblos • Adaptations of the Native Peoples of Texas • Comparing and Contrasting Tribes in Texas

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Spanish Colonial Era to the Mexican National Era	• European Exploration • Cabeza de Vaca's Journey • Conflict Between French and Spanish • Spanish Missions in Texas • Impact of Spanish Culture • Cornerstone Activity 1 • Weakening of Spanish Rule • Anglo Settlement of Texas: The Dewitt Colony • Anglo Settlement of Texas: Stephen F. Austin • Influential Empresarios • Father Hidalgo • The Fight for Independence
Texas Revolution	• Reasons for Rebellion • Comparing and Contrasting - Texas and U.S. Declarations of Independence • Early Events in the Revolution • Reasons for Independence from Mexico • The Alamo • The Alamo: Victory or Death • Goliad • Battle of San Jacinto • Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo • Key People of the Texas Revolution
Republic of Texas and Early Statehood	• Founding of the Republic of Texas: Texas Archives War • Founding the Republic of Texas: Council House Fight • Politics in the Republic of Texas • Continuing Texas-Mexico Conflict • American Annexation • Changing Map of the United States • Early Days of the Lone Star State: Texas Rangers • Early Days of the Lone Star State: Black American History in Texas • Mexican-American War • Texas Response to Mexican-American War • Tejanos and American Indians in Texas • Immigration to Texas

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Texas Constitution and Government	• Context of the Texas Constitution • Rights and Responsibilities • Texas Government Today: Proposed Amendments • Texas Government Today: State Government in Texas • Role of Local Government • Texans in Government
Civil War and Reconstruction	• Enslavement in Texas • Causes of the Civil War • The Civil War • Juneteenth • Women in the Civil War • Effects of the Civil War in Texas • Reconstruction in Texas
Frontier, Cattle, and Railroads	• Agricultural Industry in Texas: Ranching History • Agricultural Industry in Texas: Modern Ranching • Black Americans on the Frontier • Native and Mexican Influence on Cowboy Culture • Railroads come to Texas • Settlements in Western Texas
Age of Oil and Progressive Era	• Discovery of Oil: The Oil Industry • Discovery of Oil: Spindletop • Overview of the Industrial Revolution • The Industrial Revolution in Texas • Oil and Boom and Bust • Current Event Connection: Texas and Oil Today • Progressive, Labor, and Women's Movement • Reform Movements in Texas • From Agrarian to Urban Society

Unit	Topics
World War I - World War II	• Texas Enters the 20th Century • Zimmerman Telegraph • Overview of World War I • Farming and the Dust Bowl • Memories of the Dust Bowl • Causes of the Great Depression • Effects of the Great Depression • Overview of World War II • Minorities in World War II
Civil Rights and Contemporary Era	• Background on the Civil Rights Era • Civil Rights in Texas • Economic and Technological Growth • Texan Universities • Texas Culture Overview • Latino Culture in Texas • Notable Texans

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Customs and Community	• Thanksgiving • Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day • Juneteenth • Landmarks • Examples of Landmarks Part I • Examples of Landmarks Part II • Historical Figures • Thurgood Marshall • Communities • Individuals and Events that have Shaped Communities Part I • Individuals and Events that have Shaped Communities Part II • Culture, Customs, and Traditions • Ethnic and Cultural Celebrations • Significance of Celebrations • Various Celebrations
Technology and Basic Needs	• Goods and Services • Jobs • Income • Purchasing Power • Choices • Earning, Spending and Saving • Choices about Earning, Spending, and Saving Money • Producers • Consumers • Producers and Consumers • Natural Resources • Development of a Product • Basic Needs • Technology • Impact of Technology

Unit	Sample Lessons
People's Impact on Geography	• Introduction to Location • Maps and Globes • Using Maps and Globes • Map Exploration: Locate Continents • Map Exploration: Locate Oceans • Map Exploration: Locate United States • Map Exploration: Locate Texas • Map Exploration: Locate Mexico • Map Exploration: Locate Canada • Consequences of Human Modification of the Physical Environment: Clearing Lands • Consequences of Human Modification: Building Homes and Roads • Consequences of Human Modification of the Physical Environment: Agriculture • Consequences of Human Modification of the Physical Environment: Drilling Oil • Conserving Earth's Resources • Replenish Earth's Resources
Unit	Topics
Culture and Community	• Defining Communities • Shaping Communities Today • Shaping Communities Throughout History • Artists, Writers, and Cultural Heritage • Culture and Celebration
Technology and the Environment	• Understanding the Environment • Adapting to Different Environments • Modifying the Environment • Major Breakthroughs in Science and Technology • Science, Technology, and the Environment
Geography and Expanding Communities	• Reasons for Forming Communities • Comparing Community Structures • Creating and Expanding Communities • Basic Map Features • Reading and Using Maps

Unit	Topics
Texas History through Reconstruction	• Native Americans of Texas • Exploration and Colonization of Texas • Texas Revolution • Republic of Texas and Statehood • Mexican-American War, Civil War, and Reconstruction
Texas History, 1870 through Present	• Effects of the Civil War • Expansion and Conflict • Texas Industrializes • Contemporary Texas • Great Depression and World Wars
Texas Government	• Fundamentals of United States Government • Fundamentals of Texas Government • Texas Leadership • Civic Duty
Early America	• Geography • Colonization • Thirteen Colonies • Revolution • Expansion
People Who Made Our Nation	• People of the Colonies • Founding Fathers • People of the 19th Century • People of the Civil War and Reconstruction • People of the 20th and 21st Century
The Fight for Equality	• Rights in America • The Fight for Equal Rights • The Fight for Women's Rights • Other Equal Rights Movements • Introduction to Economics

Overview of The Texas-Mexican American Studies Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
Mesoamerican Civilizations, 1248-1519	- Mesoamerica - The Maya Civilization - The Aztec Empire
Spanish North America, 1492-1800	- Spanish Conquests - Spanish Colonies - Resistance and Reform
Mexico and the United States, 1801-1930	- Mexican Independence - The Mexican-American War - The Mexican Revolution & US Borders
Cultural Identity and the World War II Era	- The Great Depression - Entering and Fighting in WWII - Life on the Homefront during WWII - Establishing a New Government
Postwar and the Chicano Identity	- Roots of the Chicano Movement - Political Activism and the Chicano Movement - Culture and the Chicano Movement
Immigration and the Creation of a New Human Rights Era	- Reasons for Migration - U.S. Immigration Policies - Experiences of Mexican-American Communities
Mexican Americans in the 21st Century	- Current Geographic Issues - Current Political Issues - Current Economic Issues
Mexican American Culture and Influence	- Mexican-American Artistic Expression - Mexican-American Culture and Identity - Influence of Mexican-American Culture

Overview of The TEKS Resource System Middle School Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
How We Study the World's Cultural Patterns	• Maps, Absolute Locations, and Spatial Patterns • Spatial Regions • Culture Regions • Societal Institutions
Freedom for All: The United States and Canada	• Geography of Latin America • Indigenous Cultures of Latin America • Colonization and the Columbian Exchange in Latin America • Cultural Diffusion and Blending in Latin America
A Legacy of Colonialism: Latin America	• Geography of Latin America • Indigenous Cultures of Latin America • Colonization and the Columbian Exchange in Latin America • Cultural Diffusion and Blending in Latin America • Human/Environment Modification in Latin America
We Are Family: Europe	• Culture of Europe • Geography of Europe • Conflict and Cooperation in Europe • Cultural Unity in Europe
Empire and Ethnicity: Russia and the Eurasian Republics	• Geography of Russia and the Eurasian Republics • Political and Cultural Patterns of the Soviet Union • The Collapse of the Soviet Union
A Crossroads of Diffusion: Southwest Asia/North Africa	• Monotheistic Religions • Political Patterns in Southwest Asia/North Africa • Oil in Southwest Asia/North Africa • Cultural Diffusion in Southwest Asia/North Africa

Unit	Sample Lessons
Facing Challenges: Sub-Saharan Africa	• Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa • Post-Decolonization in Sub-Saharan Africa • Divisions and Tensions in Sub-Saharan Africa • Culture in Sub-Saharan Africa
Unity and Division: South Asia	• Geography of South Asia • Cultural Traditions of South Asia • Cultural, Economic, and Political Patterns in South Asia
Tradition in a Modernizing World: East and Southeast Asia	• Geography of East and Southeast Asia • Political Systems of East and Southeast Asia • Economic Systems of East and Southeast Asia • Culture and Traditions of East and Southeast Asia
Adapting Down Under: Pacific Realm	• Geography of Australia and Oceania • Indigenous Populations of Oceania and Australia • Human/Environment Modification in Australia and New Zealand
Thinking Like a Historian	• Historical Thinking Skills • Document Analysis
Natural Texas and Its People – 1200s-1800	• Geography of Texas • American Indian Groups in Texas
Exploration and Early Colonization of Texas – 1519-1821	• European Exploration of Texas • Spanish Missions & Presidios • Spanish Influence & Legacy
Mexican Colonization and the Empresario System – 1821-1836	• Competition to Claim Land in Texas • Mexican Independence • Settlement of Texas after Mexican Independence • Cultural and Social Change
Unrest and Revolt in Texas – 1821-1836	• Mexican Officials’ Attempts at Control • Mexican Government Changes Give Texans Hope • Texans Begin Organizing • The Alamo and Goliad • Securing Independence for Texas

Unit	Sample Lessons
Republic of Texas and Early Statehood – 1836-1861	• Problems in the Texas Republic • Annexation to the U.S. • Mexican-American War • Immigration in the 1800s
Texas during the Civil War and Reconstruction – 1861-1876	• Secession • Texas in the Civil War • Reconstruction in Texas • The Texas Constitution of 1876
Cotton, Cattle, Railroads and Closing the Texas Frontier – 1866-1900	• Effects of Westward Expansion • Cattle Industry • Effects of Railroad Expansion • New Farming Technology
Modernizing Texas in An Age of Oil – 1900-1929	• 1900 Galveston Hurricane • Discovery of Oil in Texas • Social Reforms • WWI
Texas during the Great Depression and World War II – 1929-1950	• Economic Depression • Dust Bowl • New Deal • WWII
Civil Rights and Conservatism Bring Changes – 1950-2000	• Civil Rights • Cold War • Shifting Political Patterns
Contemporary Texas – 1950-Present	• Industry, Economy, & Urbanization • Texas Culture • 21st Century Texas
Thinking Like a Historian	• Studying the Past • Historical Thinking Skills
Colonial America – Life in a New Land 1587-1763	• European Colonization • Geographical Impacts • Social Patterns • Enlightenment Influence

Unit	Sample Lessons
American Independence – Restlessness to Rebellion 1763-1783	• Roots of the Revolution • Fighting for Independence • A New Nation
Writing the Constitution – Creating a More Perfect Union 1783-1791	• Constitutional Compromises • Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists • Democratic Principles • Rights and Responsibilities
Early Republic – Addressing Challenges 1789-1828	• The Judicial System • Economic and Political Development • War and Foreign Policy
Westward Expansion – From Sea to Shining Sea 1780s-1850s	• Manifest Destiny • Settling the West • Mexican-American War
Industrialization and Reform – Innovation Brings Change 1800s-1850s	• Industrialization • Immigration and Urbanization • Cotton Gin • Antebellum Reform • Literature and Culture
Sectionalism – Growing Division 1820s-1850s	• Regional Differences • Expansion of Slavery • Rising Tensions
Civil War – The Endangered Union 1860-1865	• Election of 1860 • Course of the War • Preserving the Union
Reconstruction – Rebuilding the Union 1865-1877	• Political Changes • Social and Economic Changes