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The Novel and Book Studies collection included with Newsela ELA provides curated texts, videos, and practical instructional tips to help teachers enhance their lessons for almost 500 of the most commonly taught books and novels.



Build background and create connections

With Newsela ELA's Novel and Book Studies collection, all teachers can provide students with the context and knowledge they need around settings, time periods, and authors to better understand classroom books. Hundreds of diverse texts connect meaningfully to themes, topics, and story elements students are encountering in their reading.



Teach skills and meet standards

Teachers can easily help students build skills related to the main idea, point of view, text structure, and more with skills-aligned quizzes, graphic organizers, and writing prompts. They'll then be able to track how students are performing against reading standards in the binder, based on the results of the quizzes they've completed.

Differentiate and annotate

Teachers can provide students the access they need with texts available at 5 different reading levels and many in Spanish. They can further scaffold instruction and increase engagement with the annotations feature to model thinking, ask questions, and highlight specific elements, all within the texts.



Available Novel and Book Studies

- 1984 by George Orwell
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen
- A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
- A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
- A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
- A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare
- A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry**
- A Separate Peace by John Knowles
- A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams
- A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
- A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
- A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle
- Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*
- Adventures of Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
- All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
- All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- Almost American Girl by Robin Ha
- Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look
- Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
- American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
- American Street by Ibi Zoboi
- Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche
- Amina's Voice by Hena Khan
- Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power by Al Gore
- And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
- Anthem by Ayn Rand
- Antigone by Sophocles
- Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin



A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

"One step at a time ... one day at a time. Just today — just this day to get through ..."

The texts in this Novel Study highlight themes, topics and other connections to the civil wars in Sudan and the refugee experience.

- Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
- As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds*
- As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
- Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man by James Weldon Johnson
- Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers
- Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Becoming (Adapted for Young Readers) by Michelle Obama
- Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson
- Beloved by Toni Morrison
- Beowulf (author unknown)
- Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz and Renée Watson
- Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys*
- Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
- Black Boy by Richard Wright
- Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff
- Blended by Sharon M. Draper
- Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya
- Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

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- **Boxers & Saints by Gene Luen Yang**
- Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes*
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- **Buried Onions** by Gary Soto
- Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry
- Call Me Maria by Judith Ortiz Cofer
- Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl*
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story by Joseph Bruchac
- Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
- Chronicle of a Death Foretold by Gabriel García Márquez
- City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
- Class Act by Jerry Craft
- Clean Getaway by Nic Stone
- Code Orange by Caroline Cooney
- Common Sense by Thomas Paine
- Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas
- Coraline by Neil Gaiman
- Crash by Jerry Spinelli
- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi
- Dante's Inferno by Dante Alighieri

Esperanza

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

"We are like the phoenix," said Abuelita. "Rising again, with a new life ahead of us."

The texts in this Novel Study highlight themes, and topics such as coping with grief, activism and remaining hopeful in difficult times.

• Dark Water Rising by Marian Hale

• Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

- Dear Martin by Nic Stone
- Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- Divergent by Veronica Roth
- Dominicana by Angie Cruz
- Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
- Double Dutch by Sharon M. Draper
- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- Dragonwings by Laurence Yep
- Dread Nation by Justina Ireland
- Dreaming in Cuban by Christina García
- Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
- Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- Educated by Tara Westover
- El Deafo by CeCe Bell
- Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger
- Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell
- Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings by Margarita Engle
- Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card*
- Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario
- Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton
- Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- · Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston
- Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser
- Feed by MT Anderson
- Fences by August Wilson
- Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley
- Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaley Hunt
- Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
- Flush by Carl Hiasson
- Found by Margaret Haddix Peterson
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
- Frindle by Andrew Clements
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang

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- Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes*
- Ghost by Jason Reynolds*
- Gossamer by Lois Lowry
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
- Grenade* by Alan Gratz
- Grendel by John Gardner
- Ground Zero by Alan Gratz
- Hamlet by William Shakespeare
- Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson*
- Harriet Tubman: Conductor of the Underground Railroad by Ann Petry
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- Heart of Darkness and the Secret Sharer by Joseph Conrad
- *Heat* by Mike Lupica
- Hey Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- Hidden Figures by Margot Shetterly (for Young Reader Edition)
- Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate
- Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
- Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen*
- How the García Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Álvarez
- Hurricane Child by Kacen Callendar
- Hush by Jacqueline Woodson
- I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
- *I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika Sánchez
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- I Survived the Nazi Invasion 1944 by Lauren Tarshis and Scott Dawson
- I, Robot by Isaac Asimov
- If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin
- If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson
- In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai*
- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
- Internment by Samira Ahmed
- Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
- Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
- James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
- Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
- Julius Caesar by Wiliam Shakespeare
- Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
- Kindred by Octavia E. Butler
- King Lear by William Shakespeare
- Kon-Tiki by Thor Heyerdahl
- Latecomer by Kao Kalia Yang
- *Legend* by Marie Lu
- Letters from Rifka by Karen Hesse
- Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina by Misty Copeland
- Life of Pi by Yann Martel
- Like Vanessa by Tami Charles
- Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt
- Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
- Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
- Lyddie by Katherine Paterson
- M. Butterfly by David Henry Hwang
- Macbeth by William Shakespeare
- Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert

New Kid by Jerry Craft



"When I was younger, I used to wish I was Superman, so instead of falling, I could fly, but now that I'm 12, I realize just how silly that was."

This Novel Study contains book reviews, current events, and short fiction that provide thematic and topical connections that address ideas about race, art, friendship and fitting in.

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- Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
- Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli
- March: Book One by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Maus: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman
- Melissa by Alex Gino
- Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward
- Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli
- Miracle's Boys by Jacqueline Woodson
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
- Missing May by Cynthia Rylant
- Moby Dick by Herman Melville
- Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins
- Monster by Walter Dean Myers
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater
- Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare
- My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
- My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
- Native Son by Richard Wright
- Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick
- Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- New Kid by Jerry Craft

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

"Guys like us, that work on ranches, are the loneliest guys in the world. They got no family. They don't belong no place... With us it ain't like that."

This Novel Study contains texts that build knowledge about the novel's setting and connections to topics like friendship, the natural world, and the making of self.

- Night by Elie Wiesel
- No Fixed Address by Susan Nielsen
- No One Is Too Small to Make A Difference by Greta Thunberg*
- Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman
- Nothing but the Truth by Avi
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Oedipus Rex by Sophocles
- Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
- Old Yeller by Fred Gibson
- Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan
- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey
- Orbiting Jupiter by Gary D. Schmidt
- Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood
- Othello by William Shakespeare
- Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
- Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
- Paper Towns by John Greene
- Paper Wishes by Lois Sepahban
- Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay
- Pax by Sara Pennypacker
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
- Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie; Classic Starts edition
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- *Pride* by Ibi Zoboi
- Prisoner B-3807 by Alan Gratz
- Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz
- Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America by Sharon Robinson
- Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam
- Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw
- Red Scarf Girl by Ji-li Jiang
- Refugee by Alan Gratz
- Restart by Gordon Korman
- Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
- Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
- Rules by Cynthia Lord
- Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer
- Sadako and the Thousand Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- Scythe by Neal Shusterman
- · Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
- · Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman

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- Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Shooting Kabul by N. H. Senzai
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight by Gawain Poet (unknown)
- Smile by Raina Telegemeier
- Solo by Kwame Alexander
- Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
- Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You by Ibram
 X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
- Starfish by Lisa Fipps
- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner
- Stuart Little by E.B. White
- Sula by Toni Morrison
- Summer of the Mariposas by Guadalupe García McCall
- Taking Sides by Gary Soto
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor
- Tears of a Tiger by Sharon M. Draper
- The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater
- The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The Giver by Lois Lowry



"If you don't fit in, you can apply for Elsewhere and be released. My mother says that once, about ten years ago, someone applied and was gone the next day."

This Novel Study includes texts aligned to themes and topics. There are texts about utopia and dystopia, diversity and individuality, the role of memory in society, modern examples of extremely controlling governments, and more.

- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
- *The Aeneid* by Virgil
- The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X
- The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
- The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden
- *The BFG* by Roald Dahl
- The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich
- The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
- The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henriquez
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
- The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis
- The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
- *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor
- The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child by Fransisco Jiménez
- The Clay Marble by Minfong Ho
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker
- The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- The Crucible by Arthur Miller
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon*
- The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper
- The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
- The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- The Epic of Gilgamesh (author unknown)
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez
- The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
- The Gauntlet by Karuna Riazi
- The Giver by Lois Lowry**
- The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
- The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams
- The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- The Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- The Help by Kathryn Stockett

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- The Hero with a Thousand Faces by Joseph Campbell
- The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
- The House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton
- The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
- The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- *The Iliad* by Homer
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
- The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
- The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- The Last Cuentista by Donna Barbra Higuera
- The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
- The Loves & Lies of Rukhsana Aly by Sabina Khan
- The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
- The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
- The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee



"People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for."

The texts in this Novel Study highlight themes and topics such as racism in American society, injustice, and the courage of individuals.

- The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
- The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass
- The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
- The Odyssey by Homer
- The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
- The Outsiders by Susan Eloise Hinton
- The Pearl by John Steinbeck
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
- The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
- The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
- The Red Umbrella by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
- The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishaguro
- The Road by Cormac McCarthy
- The Round House by Louise Erdich
- The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake
- The Stranger by Albert Camus
- The Strangers by Margaret Peterson Haddix*
- The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare
- The Tempest by William Shakespeare
- The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
- The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
- The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo
- The Time Machine by H.G. Wells
- The Trail of Tears by Joseph Bruchac
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
- The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander
- The Unteachables by Gordon Korman
- The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
- The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
- The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
- The Wild Book by Margarita Engle
- The Witches by Roald Dahl
- The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum
- The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
- The Young Landlords by Walter Dean Myers

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Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe



"There is no story that is not true... The world has no end, and what is good among one people is an abomination with others."

This collection of texts features the importance of storytelling, the theme of masculinity versus femininity, and the impact of colonization.

- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
- There, There by Tommy Orange
- They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera
- They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems by David Bowles
- They Called Us Enemy by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scott
- Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
- Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements
- This Book is Anti-Racist by Tiffany Jewell
- Tight by Torrey Maldonado*
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee**
- Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson*
- Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom
- Twelve Angry Men by Reginald Rose
- Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation) by Lauren Hillenbrand
- Unwind by Neal Shusterman

- Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T. Lamana
- Walden by Henry David Thoreau
- Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
- War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
- When I was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago
- When I was the Greatest by Jason Reynolds
- When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
- Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
- With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo
- Witness by Karen Hesse
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- Woodsong by Gary Paulsen
- World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë
- X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz, Kekla Magoon
- Zane and the Hurricane by Rodman Philbrick

Wonder by R.J. Palacio



"Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness."

The texts in this Novel Study highlight themes and topics such as strength of character and what it means to live with physical and mental differences.

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