



4 Foundations for Strengthening Literacy in ELA

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Literacy is the foundation for success in school and beyond.

Educators need instructional content and tools to elevate their lessons and inspire learners. With this success in mind, we pinpointed 4 foundations to prioritize when selecting and planning your ELA content.



CONTENT RELEVANCE AND COVERAGE

Infuse relevant and engaging content in ELA that cover the necessary standards and skills.



SUPPORT FOR STRIVING READERS

Empower teachers with tools to scaffold instruction for diverse levels and backgrounds.



SCIENCE OF READING

Ensure your ELA program supports reading comprehension with tools aligned to the Science of Reading.



SKILLS REINFORCEMENT

Provide opportunities to practice priority ELA skills.



Make every lesson relevant while covering standards and skills.

Providing teachers with high-quality resources that are relevant and engaging to students is important but they should simultaneously cover necessary standards and skills. With [Newsela ELA](#), you can ensure your teachers have content that weaves together standards coverage, relevance and engagement. With over 10,000 texts covering 20+ genres from fiction and poetry to speeches and primary sources, teachers can discover an array of content with embedded ELA instructional strategies.

What makes content relevant and engaging?

AUTHENTICITY

Texts from the real world about real and relatable people and topics that reflect the diverse experiences among students.

COVERAGE OF STANDARDS AND SKILLS

Content in ELA lessons should be engaging while ensuring every choice is aligned to standards.

TEXT SET

Historical Fiction



FICTION

The Hunger Ship

TEXT SET

Myths and Legends



FICTION

The Hare in the Moon: a Buddhist Story



Provide support for striving readers.

Students enter the classroom at various levels and with diverse educational backgrounds. Newsela offers content that complements your ELA materials and empowers your teachers to differentiate and promote equity within their instruction.

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POEM

"My People": A poem by Langston Hughes

Activities

Quiz

WORD MEANING & CHOICE

Does the title of the poem provide additional meaning?

Correct Answer

What type of content helps students grow and become successful readers?



ASSESSMENT BASED

Assess student understanding of content, themes, and text features with embedded reading quizzes.



LEVELED

Provide multiple encounters of the same information at different levels of complexity.



DIVERSE

Empower teachers to easily differentiate instruction, wherever students are in their English language skill development.



Build comprehension, according to the Science of Reading.

When your ELA program uses engaging materials aligned with the Science of Reading, teachers have the context and background to support comprehension growth.

How can content help support reading comprehension?

Build background knowledge and foster connection

With more than 15,000 texts, published at 5 reading levels and across 20+ genres, including fiction, poetry and essays, Newsela helps ensure students gain the background knowledge they need.

Increase engagement with diverse perspectives and structured choice

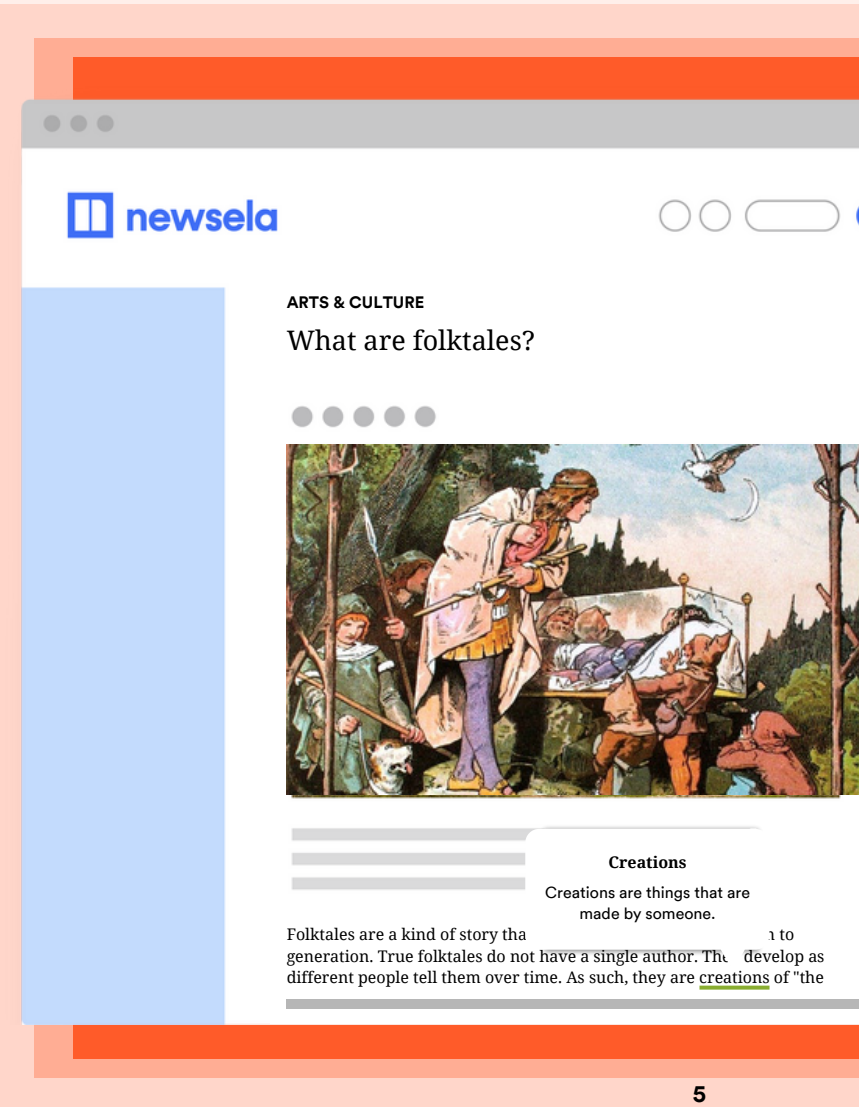
Texts should connect to student's diverse areas of interest and the world around them. Newsela's curated text sets cover hundreds of topics and themes.

Build vocabulary in context with targeted practice

As students read, Newsela's [Power Words](#) allow them to encounter new words in context and practice them with low-stakes formative assessments.

Equip teachers with meaningful comprehension strategies

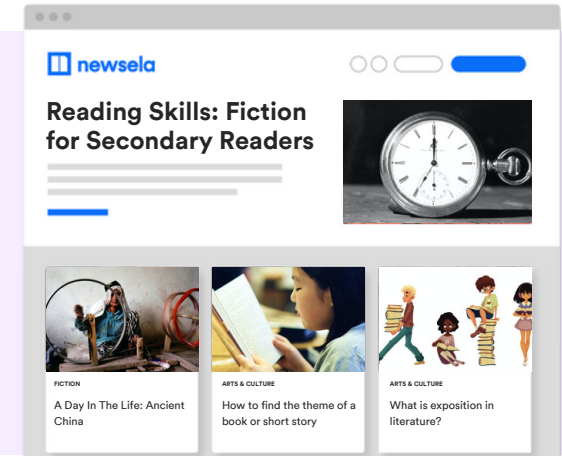
Resources like [Writing Prompts](#) and standards-aligned ELA quizzes strengthen reading strategies, while the [Annotations](#) feature teaches and reinforces targeted strategies.





Prioritize **skills reinforcement.**

Engaging materials shouldn't mean sacrificing opportunities for skills practice. Newsela supports teachers with practical ways to target specific literacy skills and develop critical-thinking skills with relevant, authentic content that supplements your core ELA materials.



How can ELA content engage students while reinforcing skills?



Provide opportunities for students to practice priority ELA skills.



Expose students to questions seen on high-stakes reading assessments.



Offer leveled content that builds confidence and strengthens literacy skills.

Life and learning are so much more than current events.

So is Newsela. With [Newsela ELA](#), you can bring authentic, relevant, and engaging content into every ELA lesson. Whether it's fiction, poetry, pop culture or biographies, rest assured your teachers will feel supported in the delivery of the skills, background knowledge, and vocabulary students need.

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