

# Get Started with Newsela Lite



# Newsela Lite is the perfect introduction to all that Newsela has to offer.

Newsela Lite is a free resource that provides access to 4 engaging, differentiated articles at a time, enhanced by features of Newsela's premium subject products.

With Newsela Lite, it is free and easy to promote literacy skills, spark discussion, and boost independent reading.





## How to use this resource

In another browser tab, log into Newsela or create an account using your school email address.

As you move through this self-guided learning, you can toggle back and forth to your Newsela account so that you can explore and engage at the same time.



Set students up in a Newsela class to make it easier to build routines, give them feedback, and see their progress.

Go to Settings under your initials in the top right at any time.

You can sync classes from your LMS or create classes manually.

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Search for classes

Start typing...

Class name	Subjects	Grade	School	Students	Status	Data source	Class code
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Learn more about automated class rostering with:

[Google Classroom](#)[Clever](#)[Canvas](#)[Classlink](#)[Schoology](#)

# Add Newsela to your weekly instruction

*Build a consistent routine by scheduling a Newsela activity on specific days.*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Practice a skill or reteach	
			Independent reading	
			Class discussion	
			Practice a skill or reteach	

## Every opportunity to read is an opportunity to practice literacy skills.

- What are examples of this that you have seen?
- What opportunities exist in your class for students to learn and/or practice literacy skills?
- What type of content is best for practicing these skills?







On your homepage you'll find 4 engaging, timely news articles offered at 5 reading levels.



Every week a new text is added here to the homepage, where it will be for four weeks. When a new article is added, one drops.


Preview the content before sharing with students.






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## Welcome to Newsela Lite

Newsela Lite is your free pass to engaging content at 5 reading levels. You get complete access to 4 staff-picked articles for 1 month each. Each week you'll discover new content as we swap out an old article for something fresh and current.

 4 current articles

 5 reading levels

 Assess understanding

### Free content



Read until 9/10/23

ARTICLE  

Drexel Food Lab wants to minimize food waste

Assign 



Read until 9/17/23

ARTICLE  

Meet Danielle Ross, the first female master builder at Legoland New York

Assign 



Read until 9/24/23

ARTICLE  

Parrots taught to video call each other become less lonely, study finds

Assign 



Read until 10/1/23

ARTICLE  

Going, going, gone!: Climate change is making home runs easier to hit, study says

Assign 

## Discover more great content

Discover over 15,000 interactive articles, stories, videos, as well as differentiated lessons perfect for your classroom. Start a free trial and assign curriculum-aligned content to your students today.

Start free trial

### Latest news



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# There are three ways to share or assign content.

## Assign

Digitally share with students on their devices, either in small groups or as a whole class. This way, you can review student quizzes, writing prompts, and annotations.

## Print

Distribute texts at levels appropriate for your students, with or without activities.

## Present

Project content for the whole class or small group instruction.

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READ UNTIL 9/10/23

Drexel Food Lab wants to minimize food waste

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Drexel Food Lab wants people to consider how they can use onions and other foods for multiple dishes and purposes, thus reducing the amount of food thrown out or wasted. Photo: Vitaliy Litvin/Shutterstock

BY Lynette Hazelton, Philadelphia Inquirer, Tribune Content Agency, adapted by Newsela staff

RECOMMENDED FOR Middle School – High School

WORDS 349 | TEXT LEVEL 3

STANDARDS (5) 7.11.C.2, 7.III.A.1.a2, 7.11.C.a2... [View all](#)

Activities

Annotations

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Write prompt

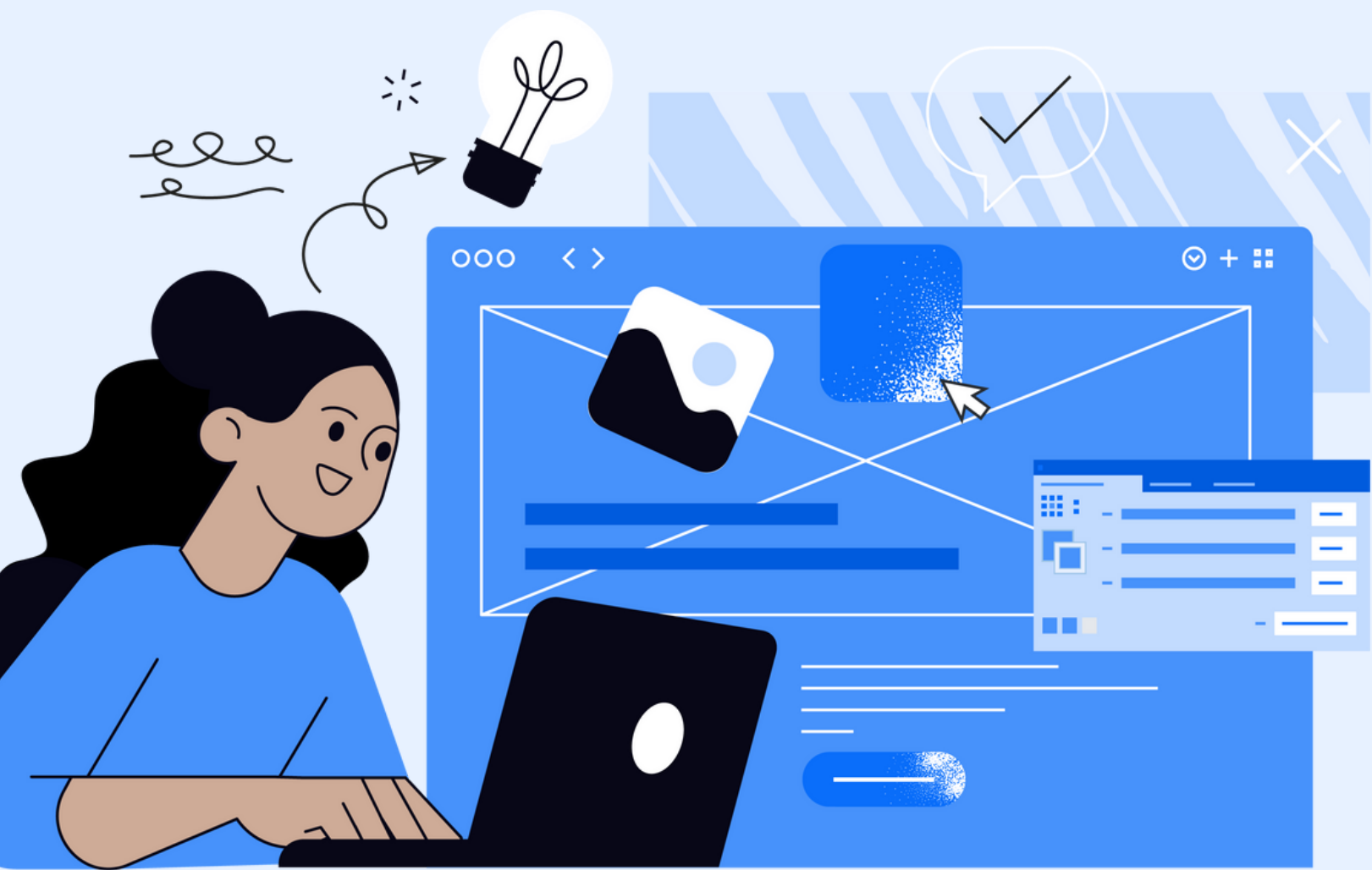
Quiz

Power Words PREMIUM



# Ways to use Newsela to build literacy skills

Introduce and practice a range of skills from finding the main idea to identifying text structures.



**Direct instruction**  
*I do*

teach specific skills through modeling and examples.

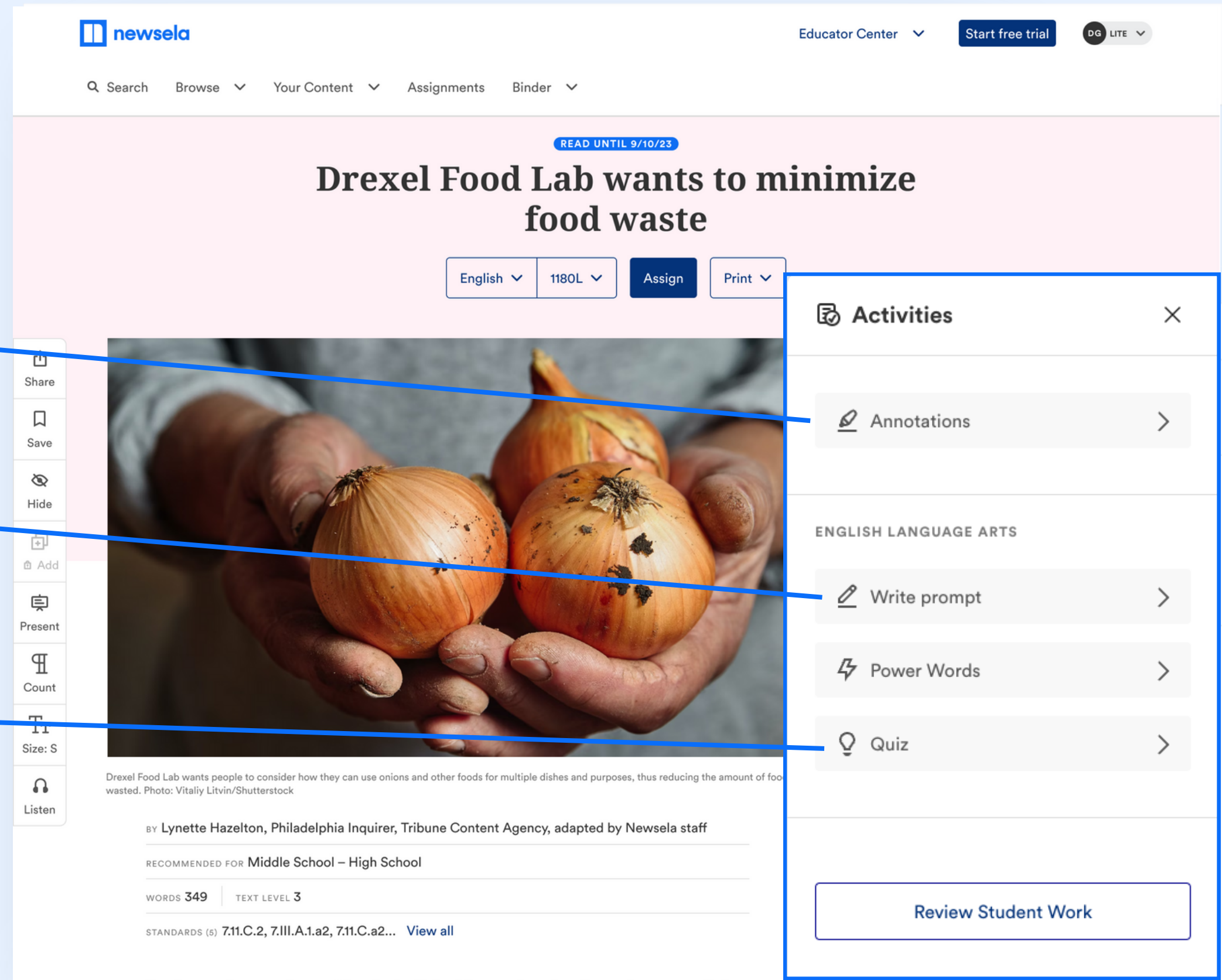
**Practice**  
*We do*

provide opportunities for students to practice literacy skills.

**Broad application**  
*You do*

help students apply literacy skills across genres and content areas.









# Annotations

Helps students engage in active learning by highlighting and taking notes within a text.

## Suggested routine:

- *I do (direct instruction) - Use the annotation tool to model skill application during whole-class read or small group instruction.*
- *We do (guided practice) - Invite students to annotate alongside you.*
- *You do (independent practice) - In the assignment instructions, prompt students to use the annotation tool to highlight or comment.*

## Ideas to use the four highlight colors:

Questions = yellow

Main idea = green

Key details = blue

Connections = pink

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# Checkmate: School custodian coaches student chess teams to victory in Maine

English

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By Sydney Page, The Washington Post, adapted by Newsela staff

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WORDS 600

TEXT LEVEL 4

PUBLISHED 6/25/2023

David Bishop's students often ask him the same question. "Mr. Bishop, what's your favorite chess piece?"

Bishop, who is a chess coach, answers that the bishop is one of his favorite pieces. But the queen is his very favorite.

Annotations

Blue

UNSHARED

the queen is his very favorite.

A. Saedi

Blue

UNSHARED

He's been a custodian there for the past six years.

A. Saedi

Help learners access grade-level lessons and take on more challenging texts.

Read aloud

Word-by-word highlighting that can be played and paused, in both English and Spanish.

Spanish

Some texts will also include expertly translated versions with quizzes and write prompts - helpful for English Learners.

Small group assignments

Simple way to differentiate for individuals or specific groups of students.

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View as student

Create assignment

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¿Caballeros con armadura? Los puede ver combatiendo en Estados Unidos

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Assign to students

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Set lexile level

Select Newsela recommended to adapt the assigned text to each student's individual reading level.

Newsela recommended

☒ Students can change level

Add activities

☒ ELA: Quiz

*Summary of class activity for a given assignment. Click into an assignment to see class and individual student stats.*

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# Teaching scenario

## Targeted and guided skills practice for a small group

Five of your students are struggling with finding the key details in a text. You use small group assignments to give them a high-interest article. As part of the assignment, students use annotations to mark 5 sentences that they believe are key details. You also ask them to explain why they've chosen to annotate those sentences.

After they submit the assignment, you read their responses. You can provide more practice by having them work together to compare and justify their thoughts with others. Additionally, you can model how they can take those key details and put them in their own words to create a summary.



# Skill-building tools and student activities

Check out these short videos for an overview of some of the skill-building features Newsela teachers love most.



## **Write prompts**

Opportunities for students to demonstrate skills. Use the Newsela provided prompt or create your own.



## **Small group assignments**

Options to target specific skills for individual students or small groups.

