



# Newsela Educator Success Guide: Teacher Edition

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**Welcome to the Newsela Educator Success Guide: Teacher Edition! This comprehensive resource provides a one-stop shop for teachers like you to successfully set up and integrate Newsela ELA, Newsela Social Studies, and Newsela Writing in your classrooms!**

## Welcome to Newsela

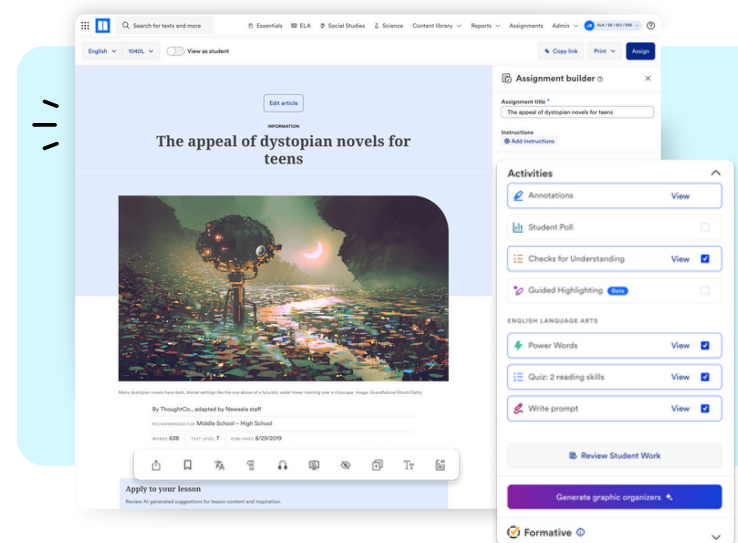
The guide offers step-by-step instructions, best practices, and essential tips to ensure a smooth implementation process. Whether you're looking to streamline access, maximize engagement, or enhance instructional impact, you'll find the tools and insights necessary to make the most of Newsela's offerings.

## What is Newsela?

### Overview of the platform

Newsela's products are **purpose-built to inspire, unlock student motivation, and drive long-lasting learning outcomes**. From building student knowledge and skills in core subject areas to supporting daily instruction and assessment, Newsela helps you engage, support, and grow every learner with:

1. **Differentiated, authentic content** includes 18,000+ engaging texts and videos that align with curricular and state standards and provide access to topics for students with diverse interests and skill levels.
2. **Integrated instructional tools** save time and support student outcomes with specific, research-based practices through a variety of lesson planning and assignment options.
3. **Formative assessments and reporting** provide real-time insights into student progress that drive instruction forward.

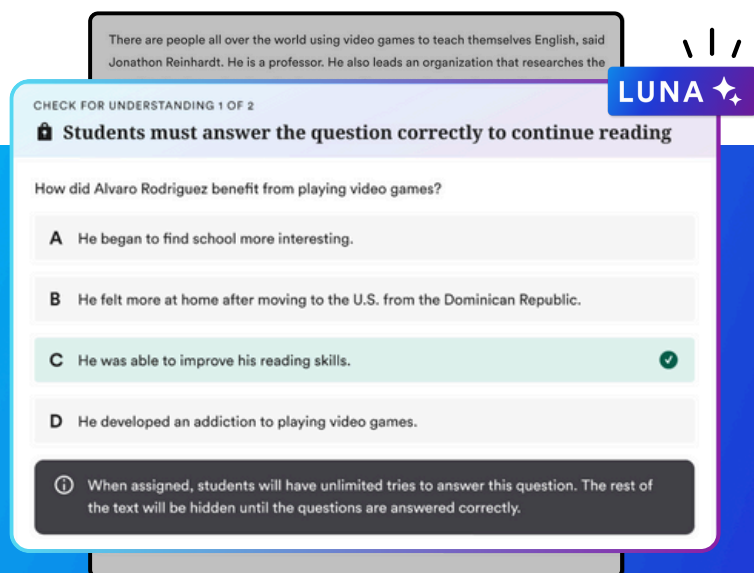


## Introducing Luna

This school year, we're excited to introduce Luna—your AI-powered assistant across Newsela and Formative. Luna will support you in planning a lesson, designing activities, creating graphic organizers, differentiating text, and so much more.

Luna's goal is to help you save time while also supporting student outcomes with specific, research-based practices. You have access to AI-powered tools that streamline lesson planning—including article planning supports and guided prompts—while also driving student learning, with features like auto-generated comprehension questions and tiered vocabulary definitions.

[Explore our scaffolds](#) to see the AI-powered features Luna supports.



See **Luna** in action  
whenever you spot  
the ✨ on buttons in  
our products!



[Introducing Luna, Your  
New AI-powered Assistant](#)



[Our philosophy  
on AI tools](#)





## Newsela Products Featured in this Guide



**newsela ELA** drives meaningful literacy outcomes with content-rich instruction. Teachers can build background knowledge on any topic with over 18,000 relevant, real-world texts and videos curated to support ELA instruction.

Powerful fiction and nonfiction content combined with AI-powered scaffolds and activities and real-time reporting insights, enable teachers to support literacy skills practice without sacrificing engagement.



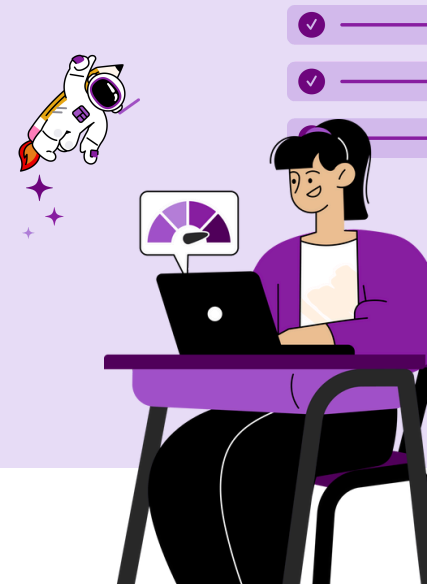
**newsela Social Studies** inspires students with diverse content that connects history with current events, and promotes scaffolded, inquiry-based learning—all in one place.

Create an inquiry-driven experience that places your students at the forefront using curated text sets for digital citizenship, media literacy, and C3 inquiry skills while tailoring instruction to the needs of your unique classroom and community. Content promotion, curriculum complements, and state-specific editions build literacy skills by helping students make sense of the world through texts, discussions, and critical thinking.



**newsela Writing** is your AI-powered assistant to help students become better writers. Used alongside Newsela core products, Newsela Writing assignments make it easy to deliver standards-aligned writing practice by providing AI-powered, real-time feedback that gives students in-the-moment guidance while saving teachers time.

The instant rubric scoring streamlines grading with no manual effort, allowing you to use assignment and district usage reports to surface key performance trends and next steps.



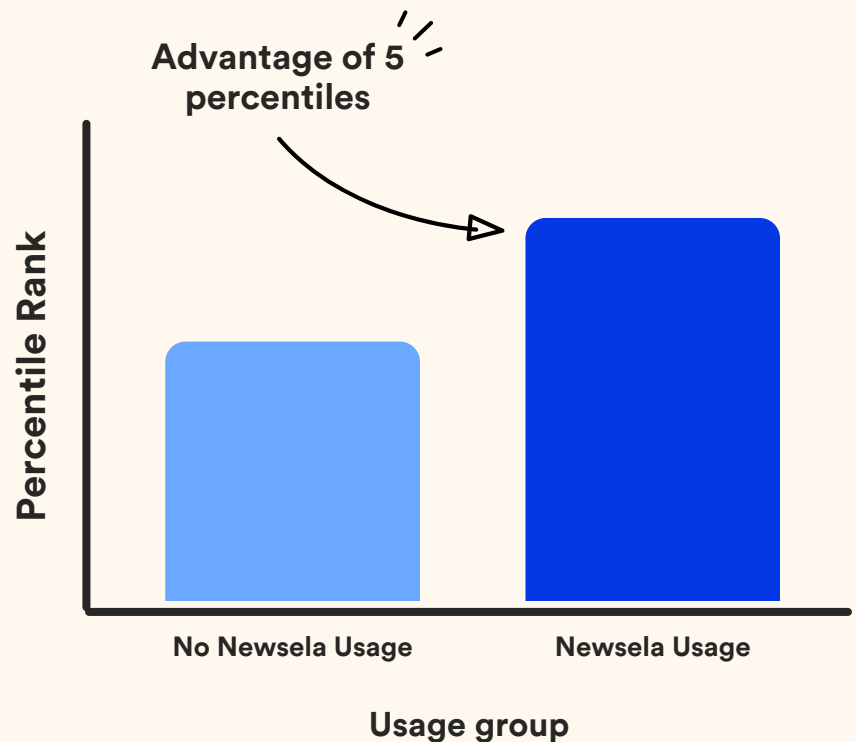
## Why Newsela Works

### Proven Results That Meet Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Criteria

For the best learning outcomes with Newsela's subject products, **you should assign Newsela texts and quizzes two times per week**. This consistent use has been shown to improve scores on standardized ELA and Social Studies assessments by about **5 percentile points for elementary and secondary students nationwide**.

These results are equivalent to **4 additional months of literacy growth in ELA** and **10 additional months of social studies instruction**. Newsela's effectiveness is supported by multiple well-designed studies that meet the "Tier 2 - Moderate" [research standards of the Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#).

Using this guide will help you achieve similar results with your students by applying best practices from research districts and the latest learning science. For more information about these research findings and the benefits of Newsela's programs, refer to our [Efficacy Studies Overview](#).

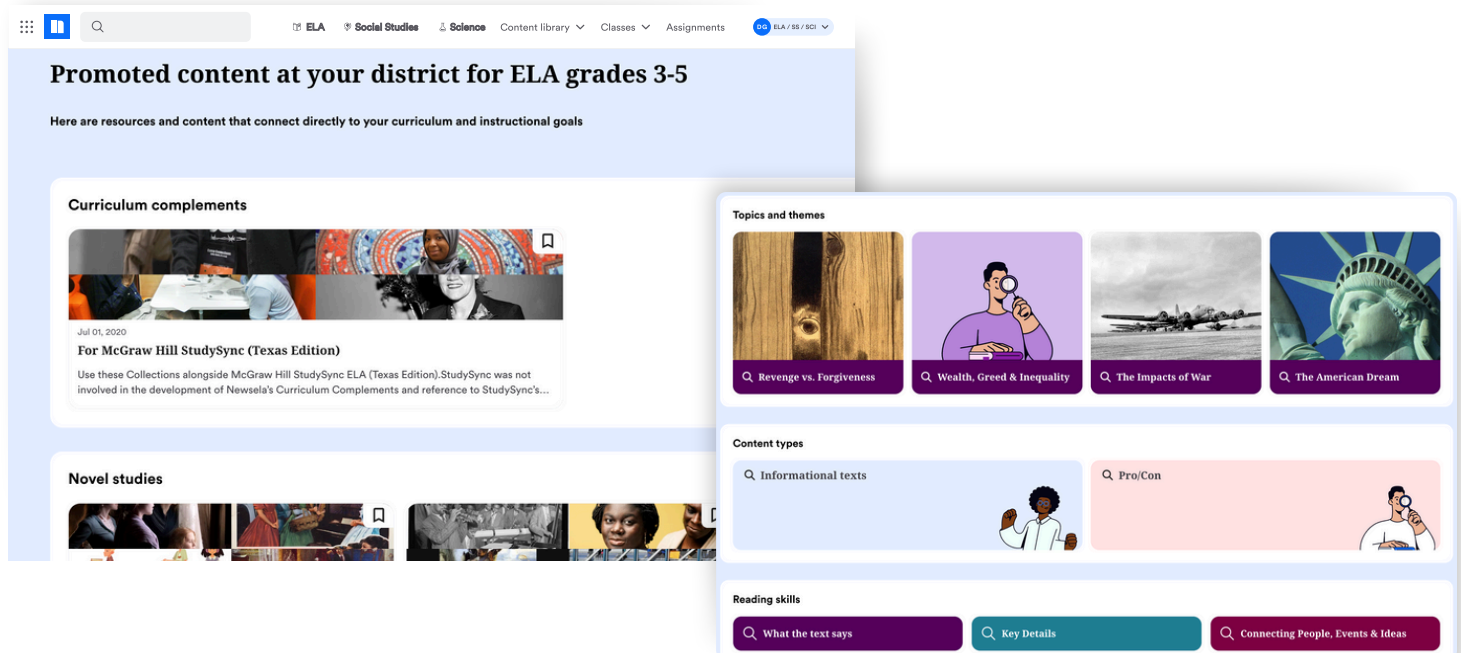


## Standards and Curriculum Alignment

Newsela's subject products provide **content aligned with learning standards in all 50 states**, advanced search capabilities, and integrated assessment tools. These robust features and collections enable you to efficiently integrate relevant and appropriate materials into existing curriculum frameworks.

These resources are designed to map to most major core programs—including Savvas, Great Minds, EL Education, Amplify, HMH, and McGraw-Hill—making it easy to integrate Newsela into your instruction. In addition, Newsela partners with hundreds of trusted content providers to provide engaging, high-interest content that brings the world into the classroom.

Our content settings tool allows your admins to [promote content](#) and curate materials aligned with school/district priorities, like **science of reading implementation** or **inquiry-based instruction**, so you can spend less time searching for the right resource and more time preparing for instruction.



The screenshot displays the Newsela interface for ELA grades 3-5. The top navigation bar includes links for ELA, Social Studies, Science, Content library, Classes, and Assignments. The main section is titled "Promoted content at your district for ELA grades 3-5" and includes a subtitle: "Here are resources and content that connect directly to your curriculum and instructional goals". Below this, there are three main sections: "Curriculum complements" featuring a collection for McGraw Hill StudySync (Texas Edition), "Novel studies" with a grid of book covers, and "Topics and themes" with four cards: "Revenge vs. Forgiveness", "Wealth, Greed & Inequality", "The Impacts of War", and "The American Dream". The "Content types" section has two cards: "Informational texts" and "Pro/Con". The "Reading skills" section has three cards: "What the text says", "Key Details", and "Connecting People, Events & Ideas".



[Get to Know Your  
Newsela Homepage](#)



[Help for  
Teachers](#)



[Newsela & the  
Science of Reading](#)

## Effortless Scaffolding and Differentiation

Support and grow every learner with powerful scaffolding and differentiation tools built on the latest science of reading and learning science research. Pair them with engaging content for effective whole-class, small-group, or individualized instruction to create a differentiated, accessible classroom.

Newsela's subject products offer tools that allow you to easily adapt texts at five reading levels, translate texts into dozens of languages, and listen to texts and activities in Listen Mode. Interactive features like Power Words, annotations, and AI-powered instructional supports like Checks for Understanding and Guided Highlighting complement these scaffolds and are all designed to deepen every student's comprehension and engagement.

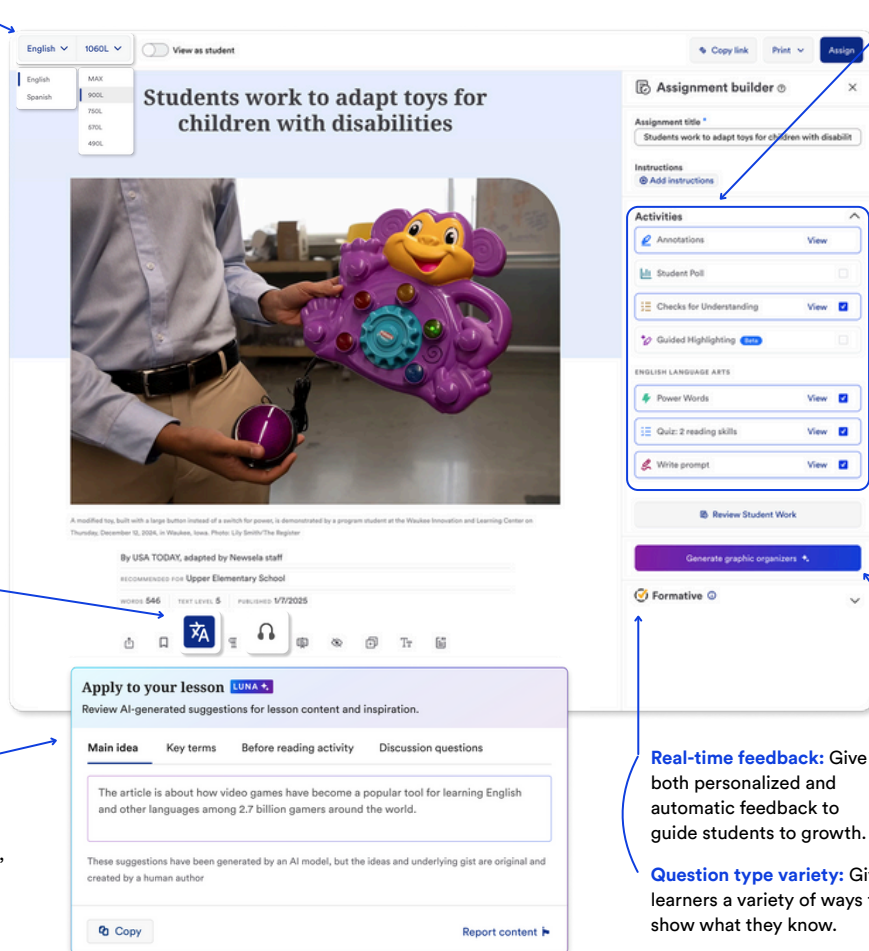
**Spanish content:** Provide human translated, full length articles to Spanish-speaking multilingual learners (MLLs), Spanish language learners, and bilingual education classrooms.

**Leveling:** Set the text to be at grade- or desired-reading level.

**Listen mode:** Listen to any Newsela article at all reading levels.

**AI-powered text translator:** Enable an AI-powered, in-paragraph scaffold for multilingual learners to access grade-level content in 40+ languages.

**Teacher tools:** Surface AI-generated lesson content suggestions including before-reading activities, key takeaways, and more on every article.



**Annotations:** Highlight ideas, ask questions, provide context, and differentiate for each level of an assigned text. Teachers can create annotations for students and students can annotate their own texts.

**Checks for Understanding:** Embed low stakes, AI-generated comprehension questions throughout the text to encourage close reading.

**Guided Highlighting:** Let students identify parts of the text that align to a reading skill with AI-generated prompts. (Newsela ELA only)

**Power Words:** Practice in-context vocabulary with student-friendly definitions. (Newsela ELA only)

**AI-powered graphic organizers:** Save teacher time and deepen student comprehension with ready-to-use customizable resources generated from our vetted articles.

**Real-time feedback:** Give both personalized and automatic feedback to guide students to growth.

**Question type variety:** Give learners a variety of ways to show what they know.

For a detailed review of the research underpinning these features, see our comprehensive [Learning Science Foundations Compendium](#).

## Aligning Leveled Texts with the Science of Reading

Most articles in Newsela's subject products are available at five reading levels, but the right Lexile level depends on the student and learning goal.

### When should teachers use Newsela's recommended reading level?

We recommend using Newsela's recommended reading level when:

- Students would benefit from support in accessing the most important ideas from the article
- Students are reading independently to prepare for a whole-group activity
- Students can practice the skill you're teaching at an appropriately rigorous level
- You want to increase student motivation and confidence

### When should teachers assign texts at (or even above) grade level?

We recommend assigning texts at (or even above) grade level when:

- You want students to practice a skill with a particular level of a text
- You've already discussed the article and built background knowledge with the whole class
- Designing collaborative learning activities and creating heterogeneously mixed groups
- You've scaffolded the text with annotations and other supports for below-grade-level readers

#### Lexile®

Newsela recommended Lexil... ^

Newsela recommended Lexile Level®

Grade 8	1110 - 1180 L
Grade 7	1011 - 1109 L
Grade 6	921 - 1010 L
Grade 4	621 - 780 L
Grade 2	300 - 500 L

**Newsela recommended Lexile Level®** — the default setting based on each student's grade level, quiz results, other interactions, and NWEA data (if available)

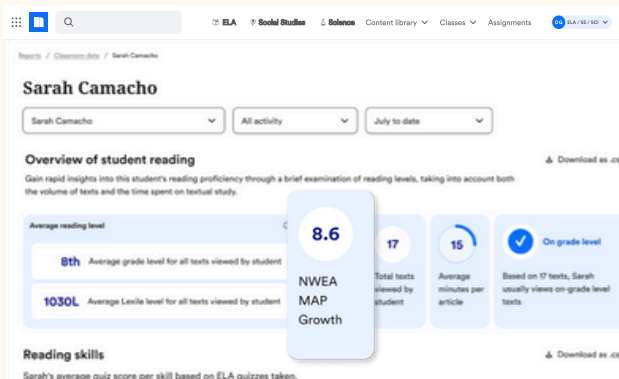
**Grade/ Lexile Level** — you can also choose to set a text to students' current or projected reading level

[Student Article Level](#)



## Provide Instant Article Level Recommendations with NWEA MAP Data

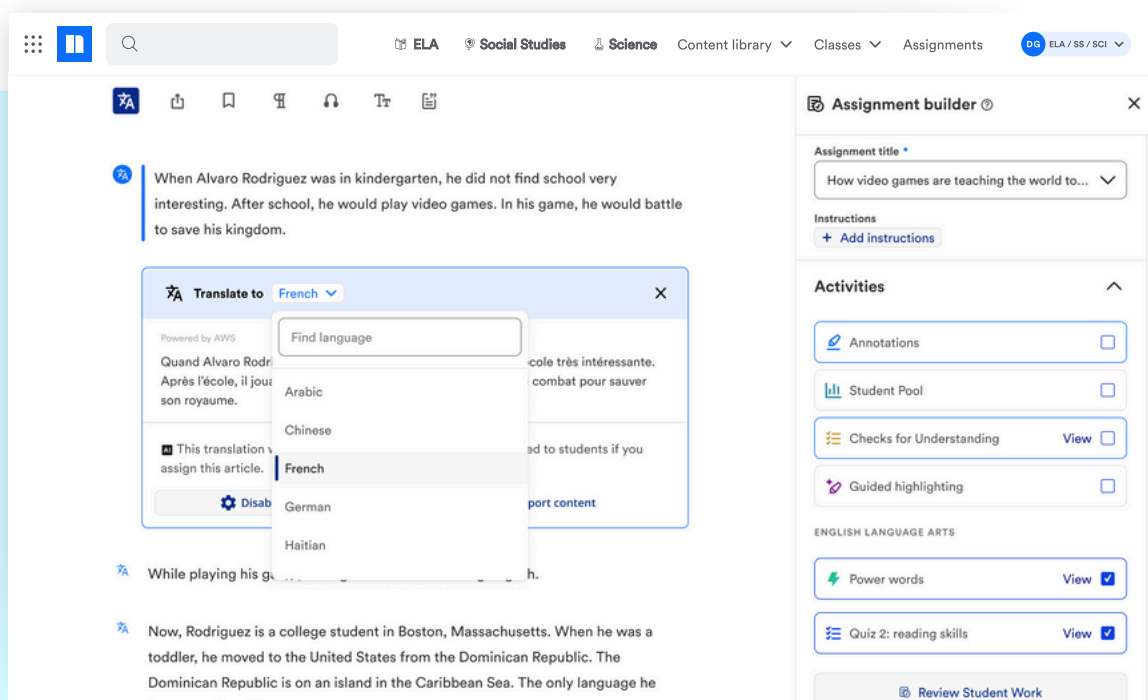
Newsela uses NWEA MAP assessment data to automatically set and update student reading levels, ensuring they read appropriately challenging texts!



## Scaffolding and Differentiation: Supporting Multilingual Learners

With Newsela products, educators support students of all English proficiency levels with diverse and differentiated content and activities. These scaffolds and supports enable students to connect deeply with texts, find greater meaning in the current curriculum, and gain a deeper understanding of their world.

This AI-powered, in-paragraph text translator supports dozens of languages to provide multilingual learners with a scaffold for point-in-time access to grade-level vocabulary, grammar, and ideas.



[9 MLL Best Practices to Support Students](#)



[Newsela Sample MLL Theme Unit](#)



[Supporting Multilingual Learners with Newsela](#)



## Scaffolding and Differentiation: Supporting Students with Disabilities

Newsela's product suite supports special education students through its core features, such as accessible content at multiple reading levels, text-to-speech functionality, scaffolded activities like checks for understanding, vocabulary tools, a variety of content types, and more.

These supports help meet the diverse literacy needs of every student, and the platform's accessibility features also ensure a more inclusive learning experience.

### Accessibility features

#### Our commitment to making instruction accessible for every student

When using Newsela, students can:

- fully navigate Newsela using a keyboard
- access the information on Newsela with updated colors to meet color contrast standards
- see alternative text on every image, including all article photos, illustrations, graphs, and charts
- understand the information on the site with consistent elements and simple language
- use assistive technology to access content on Newsela with screen reader-friendly labels
- access Listen mode to hear any text, quiz question, and answer at multiple speeds

### A Student Experience That's Fully Compliant with WCAG

This certification ensures significant supports for students with disabilities as they navigate Newsela.



[Newsela Tier 2 ELA Lab/WIN Lessons](#)  
["I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai](#)



### Supporting Students with Disabilities with Newsela

We know supporting student accommodations is essential in K-12 education. Newsela's subject products offer specific tools to help educators meet diverse student needs. The tools provide accessible, leveled content that supports scaffolding and accommodations while engaging students with rigorous material.



#### Here's how Newsela aligns to WCAG standards:

- Colors of text and informative icons meet color contrast standards and color alone is not used to convey meaning.
- Consistent element labeling and simple language reduce cognitive load in site navigation and use.
- Article cards include the most relevant details for students, with a clear hierarchy of important information.
- Responsive web design principles are followed to ensure device orientation and screen magnification support.

#### Here's how Newsela empowers you to support your SwDs:

Newsela articles, quizzes, and prompts are available at five reading levels ensuring every student can access the same content regardless of their literacy skills, while supporting the development of key skills, background knowledge, and understanding.

More on next page! 



[How to Support Students with Disabilities with Newsela](#)





## Getting Started: Account Set Up & Basics

### Getting Started Checklist

#### ☐ Step 1: Log in and confirm classes

Your **admin** should share the correct **login integration** to use for accessing your Newsela account. After logging in, **confirm, sync, or create your classes** for the current school year.

**SUPPORT SPOTLIGHT:** Learn more about [class syncing and creation](#) on our support site.

#### ☐ Step 2: Find resources

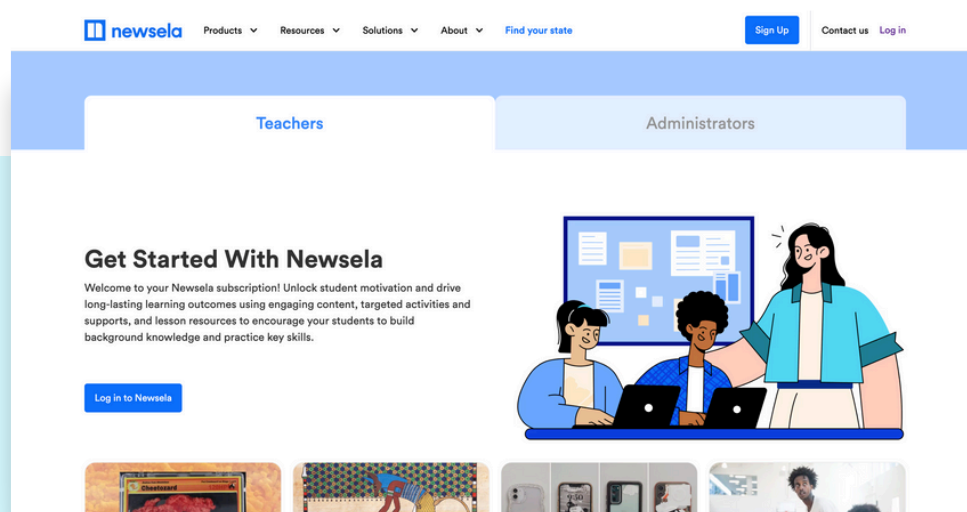
With Newsela, you can **access 18,000+ pieces of great text and video resources** at your fingertips. Later in this guide, you'll see all the collections and resource types Newsela offers and how you can access them.

**RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT:** Explore Getting Started Subscriptions for [Newsela ELA](#) and [Newsela Social Studies](#).

#### ☐ Step 3: Assign

Once you've found the perfect resource or activity, **assign it to your class**. Keep reading to learn how to create and assign lessons with Newsela.

Following our Get Started Checklist means less prep time for you and more exciting, meaningful learning experiences for your students! Say goodbye to endless searching for relevant texts and say hello to captivating articles, videos, and activities that spark curiosity and deepen understanding.



[Getting Started:  
Teacher Hub](#)

## Planning for Classroom Success

### Implementation: Who, When, Why?

Let's face it, once the school year hits full swing, time becomes precious. That's why taking a little time upfront to map out your Newsela plan is a game-changer.

Doing this step lets you intentionally connect Newsela products to your learning goals and truly meet every student's needs, from your super-readers to those who need a bit more support.

	Whole-Class Instruction	Small Groups	Independent Work
<b>When?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ELA/literacy block <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies block <input type="checkbox"/> Science/STEM block <input type="checkbox"/> Intervention block <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Center rotations <input type="checkbox"/> Small group activity <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 support <input type="checkbox"/> English Learner support <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education support	<input type="checkbox"/> After whole-class instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Book clubs/Independent reading <input type="checkbox"/> Entry or exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Research/Inquiry/Project-based
<b>Who?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ELA teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies/ Science teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education teachers <input type="checkbox"/> ELL/MLL teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ELA teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies/ Science teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education teachers <input type="checkbox"/> ELL/MLL teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ELA teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies/ Science teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education teachers <input type="checkbox"/> ELL/MLL teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<b>Why?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduce a skill or a topic <input type="checkbox"/> Complement Core instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Deepen knowledge + perspectives <input type="checkbox"/> Modeling literacy strategies <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-teach vocabulary or concepts	<input type="checkbox"/> Targeted skills practice <input type="checkbox"/> Support vocabulary practice <input type="checkbox"/> Increase student collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Target support for ELLs or SwDs <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Application of content/skills <input type="checkbox"/> Independent close reading <input type="checkbox"/> Independent writing <input type="checkbox"/> Student-led inquiry or research <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

[Download your planning chart!](#)

## Maximize Learning with Newsela: A Strategic Framework

Successful Newsela implementation thrives on thoughtful planning and execution. To support teachers in maximizing the impact, we introduce the **Newsela 4 Ps (Prepare, Preview, Practice, and Process)**—a research-based framework designed to enhance both instruction and student outcomes.

This flexible model, grounded in literacy best practices, offers a clear pathway for teachers at every grade level to develop engaging Newsela lessons that strategically build knowledge and skills. Explore the visual below to see how these essential steps will transform your approach to Newsela.

### 1: PREPARE → Set Goals and Engage Students

Search Newsela's library of 18,000+ texts and multimedia to easily [find resources](#) aligned to your standards, curriculum, skills, and themes—so every lesson hits the mark.

Then prep for upcoming lessons with your [Implementation Planner](#).

**Support:**

- [Ready to Get Planning?](#)

### 2: PREVIEW → Implementation Guidance

Spend time getting students ready for what they will read or view. Consider what background knowledge, motivation, and pre-reading activities are needed to achieve your instructional goals.

**Learn More:**

- [What could Newsela look like in your classroom?](#)

### 3: PRACTICE → Deliver Differentiated Instruction

Create an assignment that leverages Newsela tools like checks for understanding and annotations to support comprehension. These features help you **differentiate instruction** and keep all students engaged and on track.

**Learn More:**

- [Effortless Differentiation and Scaffolding](#)

### 4: PROCESS → Insight for Action

Have students take quizzes and student work to gather clear, **actionable data**. Get instant insights into literacy skills and reading levels to inform next steps and tailor instruction to student needs.

**Learn More:**

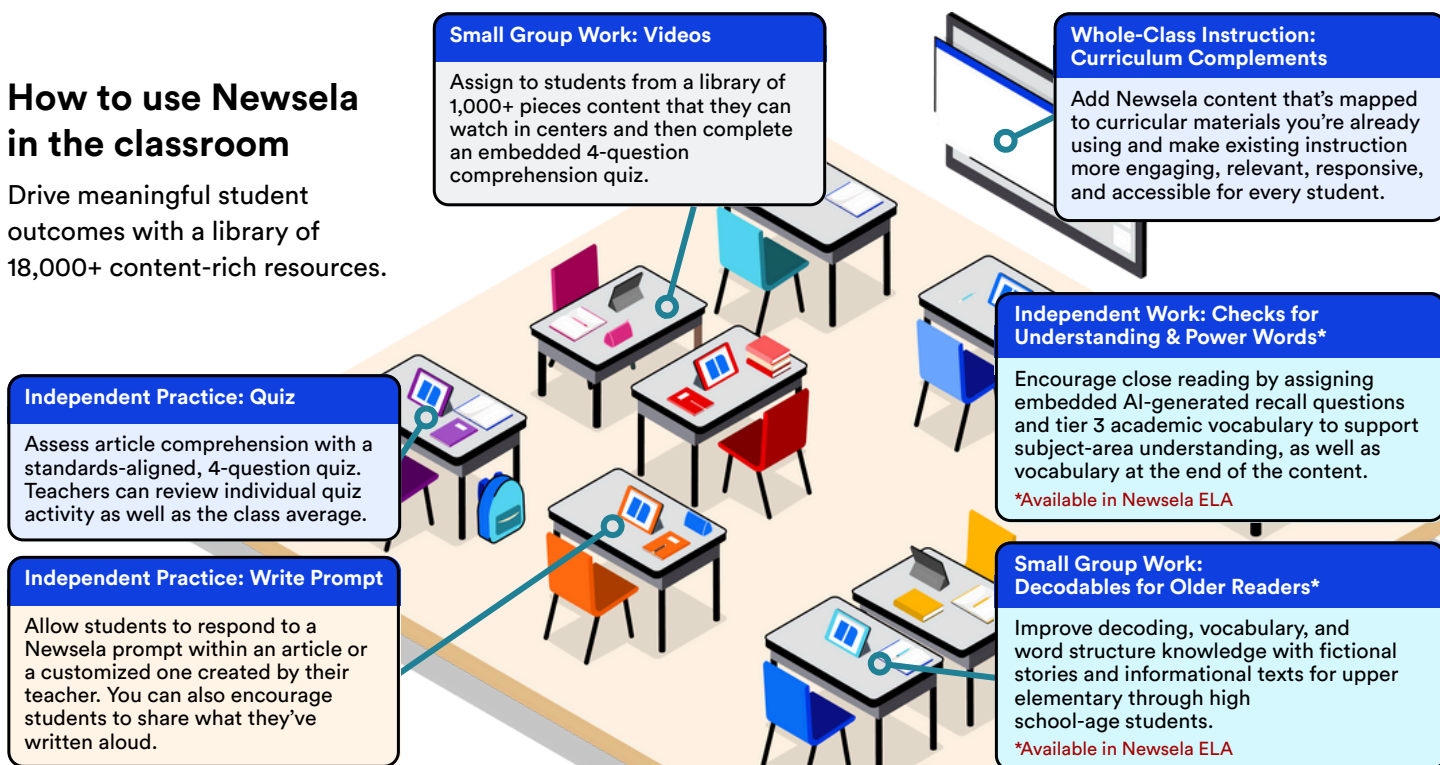
- [Driving Success with Student Data Insights](#)

## What could Newsela look like in your classroom?

This infographic illustrates practical ways educators can seamlessly integrate Newsela into various instructional settings, including whole-class instruction, small-group work, and independent practice.

### How to use Newsela in the classroom

Drive meaningful student outcomes with a library of 18,000+ content-rich resources.



After planning for the “Who, When, and Why?,” tailor Newsela text sets and Lesson Sparks to fit your classroom needs and routines. Map out your weekly flexible implementation plan using this graphic! Use it as an outline to approach each week to help you find the best ways to incorporate Newsela’s products into the classroom to serve different needs.

Check out these examples to inspire your planning!



[Newsela ELA  
Unit Exemplars](#)



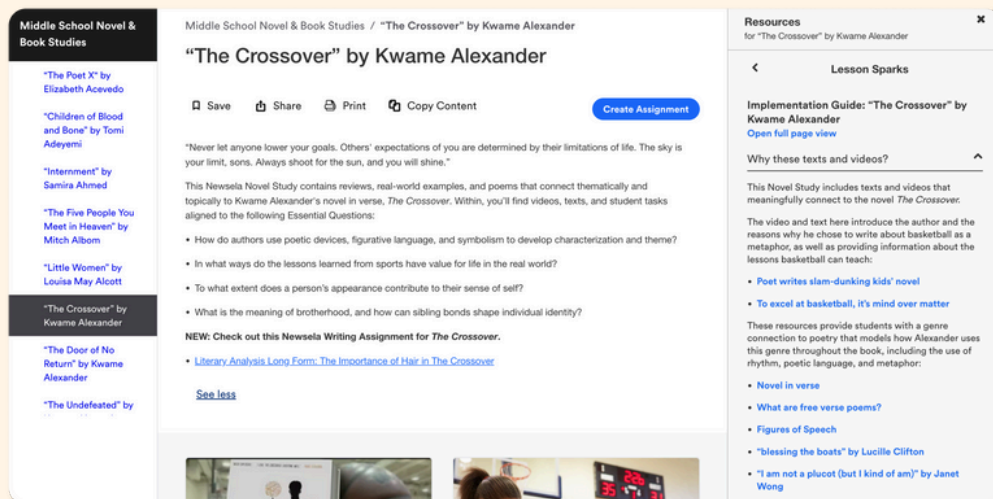
[Newsela Social Studies  
Unit Exemplars](#)

For up to 4 additional months of ELA and 10 months of social studies growth, use Newsela 1-2 times per week!

## Ready to get planning?

Thoughtful lesson planning ensures every student gets a meaningful, engaging, and appropriately challenging learning experience. Using Newsela content, these focused lesson samples include flexible hooks, close reading and annotation strategies, and guides for partner and independent practice.

1. [30-minute Newsela Lesson Plan Template](#)
2. [60-minute Newsela Lesson Plan Template](#)
3. [90-minute Newsela Lesson Plan Template](#)

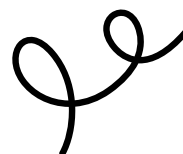

[Plan with Newsela Lesson Sparks](#)

Now that you've got a solid plan for how Newsela's products fit into your classroom, let's talk about how to make sure it's actually working for your students.

It's time to focus on the last "P" of the Newsela 4Ps: **PROCESS**. It is all about diving into the classroom insights and data that Newsela provides, which truly illuminate student progress and inform your next instructional moves.



[NCE Course](#)



# Teacher Implementation Guidance & Resources

Newsela supports your goals to effortlessly differentiate engaging, relevant content for every student, transforming learning into a dynamic experience.

By fostering deep comprehension and critical thinking, Newsela products drive school-wide learning outcomes and engagement, with students gaining the equivalent of 4 additional months in ELA literacy and 10 months in social studies instruction when used just once or twice per week.

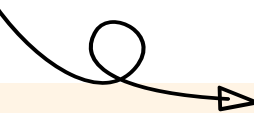
## Newsela ELA

### Support the Science of Reading Implementation with Newsela ELA

We know that embracing the science of reading is a big, important shift, and figuring out how your favorite tools fit in shouldn't add to the load.


That's why we've put together some interactive resources designed to show you exactly how Newsela supports the different pillars of the science of reading. Think of them as quick guides to help you seamlessly integrate Newsela ELA and truly boost literacy skills without the heavy lift!

Get a detailed look at how different resources in Newsela align to the Reading Rope and help you foster word recognition and language comprehension for all students.



### Newsela ELA Supports the Science of Reading





UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ:

**Newsela ELA supports key elements of the science of reading**

Many districts are fully focusing on word recognition skills as they implement the science of reading into their strategic plans. Those skills are critical, but in order to become skilled readers, students must also be proficient in key language comprehension skills, like background knowledge and vocabulary. These skills are often missing from science of reading efforts.

Newsela ELA is designed based on learning science to foster the development of these critical knowledge and comprehension skills. Its vast library of content that supports knowledge building, frequent opportunities for formative assessment, and supportive scaffolds ensure teachers can meet every student's unique learning needs. It supports word recognition skills by easing the cognitive burden of decoding and supporting fluency growth with appropriately scaffolded texts. And it works, as proven by [multiple ESSA Tier II efficacy studies](#).

**Language Comprehension**

Background Knowledge  
Facts, concepts, etc.

Vocabulary  
Breadth, precision, links, etc.

Language Structures  
Syntax, semantics, etc.

Verbal Reasoning  
Inference, metaphor, etc.

Literacy Knowledge  
Print concepts, genres, etc.

Language comprehension skills refer to a student's ability to construct meaning from language. These skills are missing from the science of reading conversation, and they become increasingly important as students develop as readers.

**Word Recognition**

Phonological Awareness  
Syllables, phonemes, etc.

Decoding  
Alphabetic principle, letter-sound correspondences

Sight Recognition  
Of familiar words

Word recognition refers to the ability to quickly and efficiently recognize words, which starts by recognizing and sounding out unfamiliar words. Most science of reading plans implemented by districts focus here, as does the legislation and media narrative around the science of reading.

INCREASINGLY STRATEGIC

INCREASINGLY AUTOMATIC

**Skilled Reading**


Fluent coordination of language comprehension and word recognition to help you understand what you read.

**Newsela ELA helps teachers support language comprehension development through:**

- 18,000+ high-interest texts for knowledge building
- Tier II and Tier III vocabulary supports
- Formative assessments
- Teacher lesson suggestions for building skills and strategies

**Newsela ELA supports students' word recognition skills through:**

- Decodable for older readers
- Adaptive leveling
- Read-aloud mode
- Shareable annotations



To see the full research base for Newsela, scan this QR code

Reading Rope Adapted from Scarborough, 2001



Align your existing curricular materials to make instruction relevant and accessible for every learner. Check out more resources to foster language comprehension and word recognition below!

## LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION

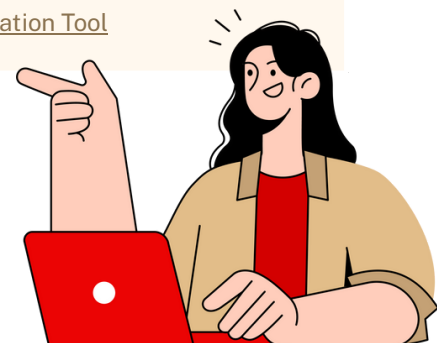
	Content in Newsela ELA	Scaffolds and activities
Background Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Curriculum Complements</a></li> <li><a href="#">Novel and Book Studies</a></li> <li><a href="#">Videos: Building Background Knowledge</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Topic Search</a></li> </ul>
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Verbal Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Pro/Con Articles</a></li> <li><a href="#">Making Inferences for Elementary Readers</a></li> <li><a href="#">Making Inferences for Secondary Readers</a></li> <li><a href="#">Videos: Speaking and Listening</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Annotations</a></li> <li><a href="#">Graphic Organizers</a></li> </ul>
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## WORD RECOGNITION

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Sight Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Power Words</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Annotation Tool</a></li> </ul>



[“Bridging the Gap Between “Learn to Read” and “Read to Learn” featuring Natalie Wexler](#)





## More ELA Use Cases: Elevate Every Lesson with Newsela

Looking for fresh ways to enhance your ELA instruction?

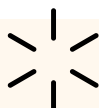
Discover **five adaptable use cases** below to inspire your planning and implementation of Newsela ELA in your classroom! Each use case includes content types that support the use case and built-in scaffolds that make implementation easier.

Newsela ELA: Elevate Every ELA Moment in Your Classroom			
Use Case	Instructional Approach	Looking for content?	Need a lesson example?
<b>Introduce a Skill or Topic at the Start of a Unit</b>  Launch new concepts or skills with high-interest, standards-aligned texts from Newsela ELA.	<a href="#">How To Teach Reading Comprehension: 10 Tips for Better Lessons</a> (Blog)	<a href="#">Analyzing Word Choice for Secondary</a>  <a href="#">Analyzing Word Choice for Elementary</a>	<a href="#">Making Inferences: Lesson Spark</a>  <a href="#">Analyzing Text Structure: Lesson Spark</a>
<b>Enable Close Reading Experiences Across Content Areas</b>  Guide detailed analysis with Newsela ELA's annotation tools, embedded questions, and discussion prompts.	<a href="#">5 Support Strategies for Students Reading Below Grade Level</a> (Blog)	<a href="#">Paired Texts</a>	<a href="#">Synthesizing Informational Texts Lessons</a>  <a href="#">Paired Texts Nonfiction: Lesson Spark</a>  <a href="#">Paired Texts Fiction-Nonfiction: Lesson Spark</a>

Read the rest of the use cases!



Use Case	Instructional Approach	Looking for content?	Need a lesson example?
<b>Provide Targeted Skills Practice</b>  Assign texts for independent practice in reading skills, genre exploration, or test prep.	<a href="#">Struggling readers? Decodable texts for older students may help</a> (Blog)	<a href="#">ELA Standards and Skills Collection</a>  <a href="#">Decodables for Older Readers</a>	<a href="#">Filter by Reading Skill on Newsela</a>
<b>Support Independent Reading</b>  Offer leveled texts for independent reading to build stamina and interest.	<a href="#">Get Teacher Resources for National Reading Month</a> (Blog)	<a href="#">Monthly Independent Reading Challenge</a>  <a href="#">Favorite Fiction and Poetry</a>  <a href="#">Good News</a>  <a href="#">ELA in the Real World Collection</a>	<a href="#">ELA in the Real World: Lesson Spark</a>  <a href="#">Reviewing Independent Student Work on Newsela</a>
<b>Curations for Projects and Activities</b>  Support student-led research, writing, debates, or projects with Newsela ELA collections.	<a href="#">Tackling Universal Design for Learning To Make Teaching Easier</a> (Blog)	<a href="#">Curriculum Complements</a>  <a href="#">Research Projects</a>  <a href="#">Debate and Discussion</a>  <a href="#">Writing Projects and Lessons</a>	



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## Newsela Social Studies

### Four Ways to Make Social Studies Relevant

Engage students with real-world, diverse instructional materials that respond to history as it happens, connect classroom concepts to their everyday lives, and promote literacy across the curriculum.

Put your students at the center of the learning experience, encourage active learning, and promote curiosity and critical thinking to foster a deeper understanding of the content.



#### Make It Local

Weave in content, themes, historical figures, and other information relevant to your state, school, and students.



#### Promote engagement through student-led exploration

Help spark curiosity through student-centered inquiry and real-world connections.



#### Ensure learning reflects, resonates with, and supports all students:

Provide content and resources that are diverse, culturally responsive, and accessible.



#### Prioritize Deepening Historical Knowledge and Critical Thinking

Emphasize how sharing knowledge and skills across subjects helps students perform better across the curriculum.



[Inquiry Planning for the Elementary Classroom](#)



[Building Relevance in the Social Studies Classroom Week-at-a-Glance](#)

This chart outlines four primary ways educators commonly use Newsela Social Studies to build content knowledge, foster historical thinking, and drive student inquiry.

## Newsela Social Studies: Spark Inquiry, Build Skills, & Fuse Relevance in Your Classroom

Use Case	Instructional Approach	Looking for content?	Need a lesson example?
<b>Introduce a Historical Event, Concept, or Theme at the Start of a Unit</b> Launch units with Newsela Social Studies' relevant, differentiated texts to provide historical context, introduce concepts, or link to current events.	<a href="#">From History to Headlines: 4 Ways to Make Social Studies Relevant</a> (PDF)	<a href="#">Curriculum Complement Collections</a> <a href="#">Social Studies Courses</a> <a href="#">"This Week in History" Text Sets</a>	<a href="#">Building Relevance in the Social Studies Classroom Week-at-a-Glance</a>
<b>Provide Independent Practice with Social Studies Literacy Skills</b> Assign articles to practice key social studies skills like sourcing, contextualization, and recognizing bias. This helps students analyze texts deeply while building content knowledge.	<a href="#">4 Barriers to Social Studies Success</a> (Blog)	<a href="#">Social Studies Review: Key Concepts and Skills</a> <a href="#">Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship Collection</a>	<a href="#">Social Studies Skills Lessons</a>
<b>Support Inquiry and Civic Engagement</b> Use primary and secondary sources to build inquiry skills. Students gather evidence and research for student-led projects, like debates, mock trials, or persuasive essays.	<a href="#">Teaching Media Literacy: 10 Topics To Cover</a> (Blog)	<a href="#">Inquiry Design Model (C3 Teachers) Resources</a> <a href="#">Civics and Engaged Citizenship Collection</a> <a href="#">DBQ Collection</a>	<a href="#">Inquiry Planning for the Elementary Classroom</a>
<b>Build a Deeper Understanding of Historical Knowledge and Perspectives</b> Facilitate deep analysis of articles related to key historical events or social studies concepts using annotation tools, guided questions, and small group discussions.	<a href="#">Reading and Social Studies: How To Support Struggling Readers</a> (Blog)	<a href="#">History Comes to Life: Primary Sources with Current Events</a> <a href="#">Social Studies Projects and Cornerstone Activities</a>	<a href="#">Social Studies Skills: Evaluate and Corroborate Primary Sources</a>

### Four ways to create effective inquiry-based learning with Newsela

Inquiry-based learning is catching fire in social studies classrooms across America. Given its power to engage students and its compatibility with other innovations in edtech and pedagogy, it's no surprise that educators are excited to adopt this approach. Even better, students find inquiry-based learning just as exciting. Young learners love thinking about the great conflicts, dramas, and controversies underlying the academic curriculum, and inquiry-based learning highlights these exact issues.

Yet with all new things, there is a learning curve for everyone—students, teachers, and administrators. To bring curriculum revisions to life in the classroom, teachers need access to resources and professional development that enable student-led inquiry learning. Read below how teachers can leverage Newsela to support active learning with their social studies instruction.

- 1 Guide student-led inquiry using safe, vetted resources**

Social studies educators know the considerable time and energy it takes to find factual, objective resources for their classrooms. When students take the reins by doing their own research for inquiry-based projects, they too must engage in the difficult work of differentiating good resources from bad ones. Educators can steer them in the right direction by giving them a variety of pre-vetted resources to work from.

**NEWSLA TIP:** Use our curated lists, centered on the core principles of evidence-based education, to provide your students with the best of the best.
- 2 Provide structured student choice**

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**NEWSLA TIP:** Newsela's relevant aligned content recommendations are available to students with individualized plans, and educators can quickly find the best of the best.

### 4 Ways To Create Effective inquiry-based learning



### From History to Headlines: 4 Ways To Make Social Studies Relevant

### 4 Ways To Make Social Studies Relevant



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### Newsela Certification Opportunities

Newsela certifications provide a pathway for professional growth. They also deepen your understanding of how Newsela works. Start your journey to practice theory skills, build background knowledge and include diverse perspectives in your lessons.

## newsela FOUNDATIONS

Microcredentials perfectly crafted for your busy schedule

Quickly boost your skills with the resources and content that are most relevant to your classroom.

Newsela ELA Foundations

Newsela Social Studies Foundations

Newsela Formative Foundations

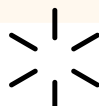
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## Newsela Writing

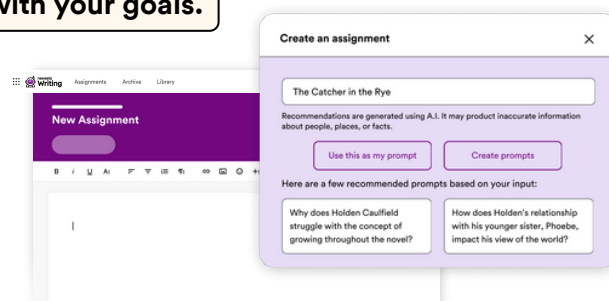
### Supporting Writing Across the Curriculum

Do you want to incorporate more writing into your lessons, but aren't sure where to begin? Newsela Writing makes it simple to integrate meaningful writing practice into any subject. This section will show you easy ways to use Newsela Writing's prompts and tools to get your students thinking critically and expressing themselves, no matter what subject you teach!

#### Step 1: Craft an assignment with engaging content, aligned with your goals.

You will be able to:

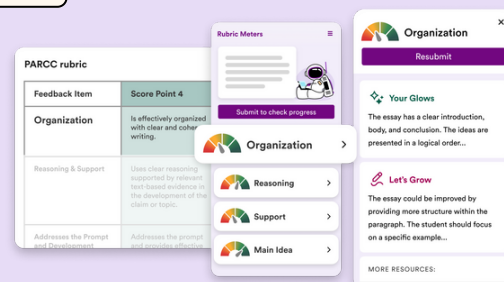
- Add content from Newsela ELA, Social Studies, or Science.
- Choose from 8 different types of writing, from argumentative to narrative.
- Enter your own prompt or let us help you craft one.
- Choose your preferred rubric.



#### Step 2: Energize students with instant feedback, whenever they need it.

Students will be able to:

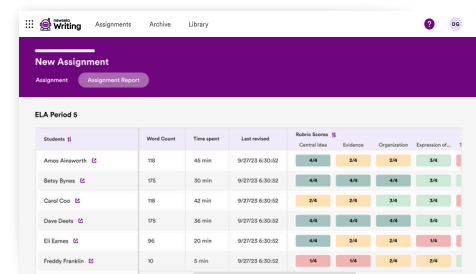
- Revise independently with targeted feedback to strengthen their writing.
- Receive immediate sentence-level feedback and "Glows and Grows".
- Find examples, explanations, and sentence starters.
- View rubric insights that show how their writing aligns with key skills.



#### Step 3: Track progress and inform instruction.

You will be able to:

- Use the platform as a student conferencing tool during the writing process.
- Review the data dashboard to monitor progress in real time.
- Use the copy and paste detection to discuss the importance of originality.
- Identify patterns and areas for reteaching or small-group instruction.



[3 Steps to Build Confident Writers with Newsela Writing](#)



[Teacher Writing Guide: 10 Tips to Support Student Writing in Any School Subject](#)

This chart outlines five primary ways educators commonly use Newsela Writing to support student writing.

Newsela Writing in Action		
Use Case	Need an example assignment?	Learn More
<b>Integrated Reading + Writing Lessons</b>  Combine close reading with evidence-based writing in one seamless lesson.	<a href="#">For Amplify CKLA® (2022 Edition) Grades 3-6 Embedded Write Prompts</a>	<a href="#">6 Types of Writing for Students to Practice</a>
<b>Cross-Curricular Writing</b>  Support writing in science and social studies using content-area texts.		<a href="#">How to Teach Argumentative Writing in 10 Steps</a>  <a href="#">How To Teach Informational Writing in 11 Steps</a>
<b>Daily or Weekly Writing Practice with Newsela Texts</b>  Build writing fluency through regular responses to Newsela Writing prompts.	<a href="#">Newsela Writing Library</a>	<a href="#">How To Teach Narrative Writing in 8 Steps</a>
<b>Skill-Based Writing Assignments</b>  Reinforce argumentative, explanatory, or informational writing aligned to standards.		
<b>Writing for Test Readiness</b>  Prepare students with prompts that mirror state assessment formats.		



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[“Writing Practice Across the Curriculum: Driving Student Achievement in Literacy & Beyond” featuring Jennifer Serravallo](#)



## Using Newsela ELA to Support Writing Instruction

	Mini-Lessons	Videos	Mentor Texts
<b>Organization</b>	<a href="#">Planning and Organizing Your Essay</a>  <a href="#">Analyzing Text Structure</a>	<a href="#">How to Write an Essay: The Complete Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners</a>	<a href="#">Informative and Explanatory Writing</a>  <a href="#">Argumentative Writing</a>
<b>Introduction</b>	<a href="#">Strong Introductions</a> (w/ Lesson Sparks)  <a href="#">Evaluating and Writing Hooks</a> (Mini-Lesson)	<a href="#">The Power of a Great Introduction</a>  <a href="#">How to write an introductory paragraph</a>	<a href="#">Opinion and Persuasive Writing</a>  <a href="#">Literary Analysis</a>
<b>Thesis/Claim</b>	<a href="#">Thesis Statements: Purpose, Creating, and Supporting</a>  <a href="#">Understanding Counterclaims</a>	<a href="#">Breaking Down Arguments</a>	<a href="#">Personal Narratives and Memoirs</a>
<b>Supporting Evidence</b>	<a href="#">Using Evidence to Support a Central Thesis</a>  <a href="#">Making Inferences</a>  <a href="#">Considering the Author's Purpose</a>	<a href="#">How to Choose Textual Evidence to Support a Claim</a>  <a href="#">Identifying and Evaluating Evidence</a>  <a href="#">Quotations from outside sources</a>  <a href="#">How to explain and elaborate on a claim and evidence in a paragraph</a>	
<b>Conclusion</b>	<a href="#">Writing Conclusions</a> (w/ Lesson Sparks)	<a href="#">Write a conclusion</a>  <a href="#">Write a conclusion with big ideas</a>	

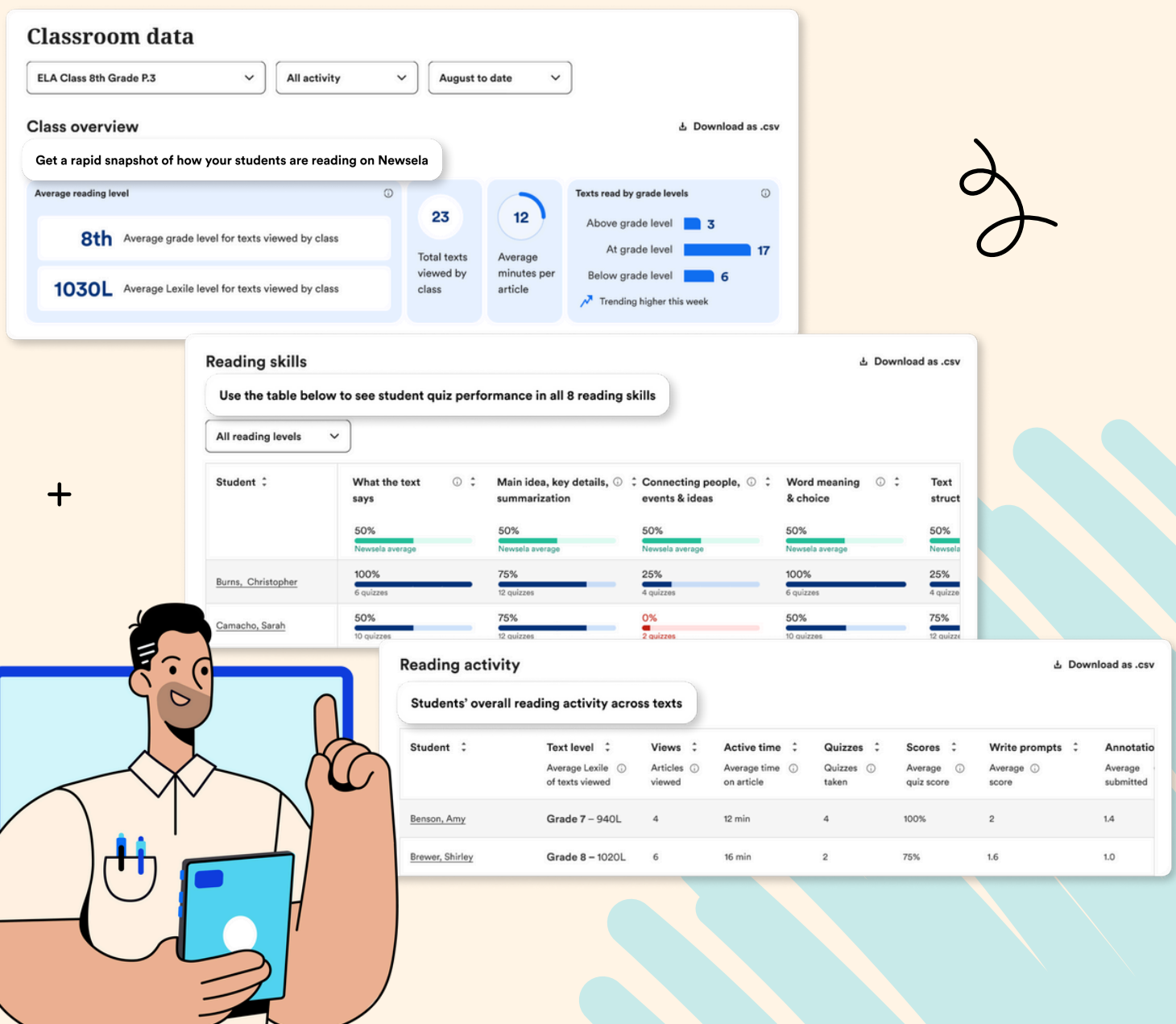


# Measuring Impact and Driving Success with Student Data Insights

## Teacher Reporting

Newsela provides valuable data and reporting at both the assignment and classroom levels. These reports help you monitor their class snapshot, reading activity, and reading skills growth (for Newsela ELA), enabling data-driven instructional decisions.

Drive success with student data insights [here](#).



## Driving Success with Student Data Insights

Newsela's classroom insights reporting offers valuable data to pinpoint students' performance on specific skills and topics. This information helps you quickly identify learning gaps and areas where students excel, allowing you to **target your instruction** more effectively and make the most of your limited teaching time.

### Process: Building Classroom Data Routines Guidance

#### Step 1: Review Reports:

- Regularly pop into your [Classroom data](#) or specific [assignment-level data](#) after an article, quiz, or unit. A quick glance helps you consistently monitor engagement and comprehension without it feeling like a heavy lift.

#### Resources + Tools:

- **Support:** [Newsela Assignment-Level + Classroom Data Support](#)
- **Explore:** [Newsela Writing: Using Newsela ELA to support Writing Instruction](#)

#### Step 2: Identify Learning Trends

- Jump into assignment-level quiz results, writing prompt responses, and annotation patterns
- View Newsela's Classroom Insights to go beyond just scores and dive into skills reporting to identify learning trends. Quickly pinpoint what students are truly grasping, identify common confusions, and highlight individual strengths and areas for growth.

#### Resources + Tools:

- Use this [Classroom Insights Planner](#) to help kickstart the next steps in your instruction!
- Regularly, have students use their data insights template to identify strengths and areas for growth each quarter with the template, [How can I improve?](#)

#### Step 3: Take Action

- Whether it's adjusting your whole-class lesson or planning small group instruction, Newsela's data helps you to meet every student's needs effectively.

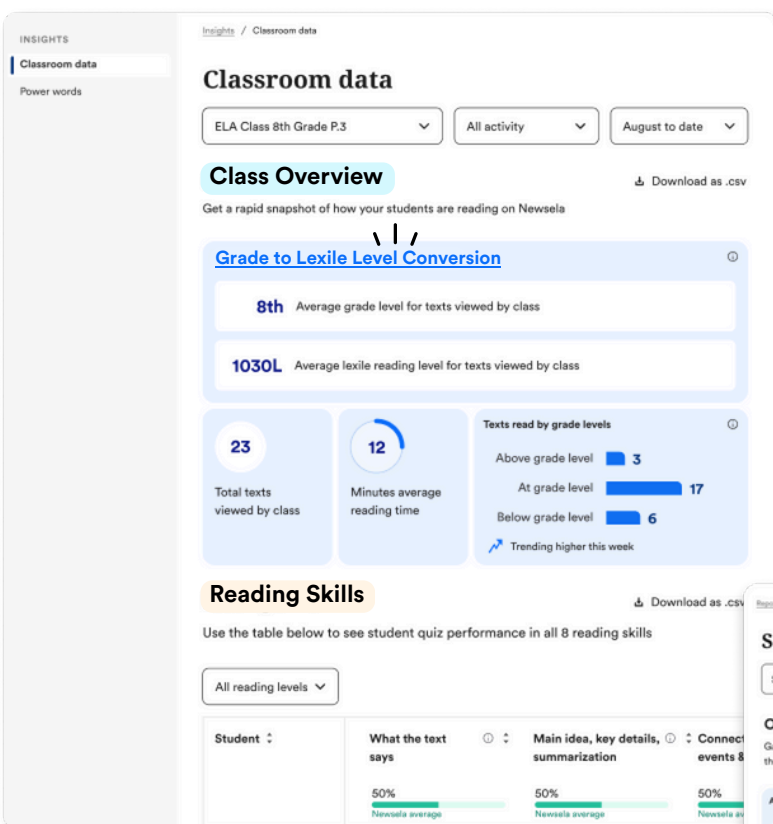
#### Resources + Tools:

- **Explore:** [Newsela ELA: Standards and Skills Collection](#)
- **Explore:** [Newsela Social Studies: Key Concepts and Skills Collection](#)
- **Explore:** [Using Newsela ELA to Support Writing Instruction](#)
- **Support:** [Advanced Content Search by Reading Skills](#)

## Classroom Data and Reporting on Newsela

Clear and measurable data helps you understand student needs and adjust instruction to drive learning outcomes. In the classroom, you can use these insights to tailor your teaching and further develop reading skills.

## Newsela Platform Classroom Insights Reports

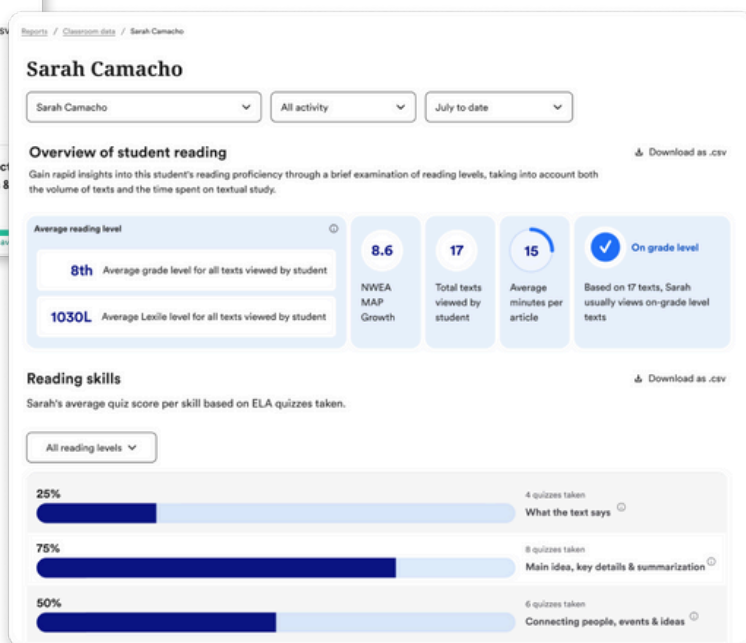


### Teacher Class Overview Pro Tip:

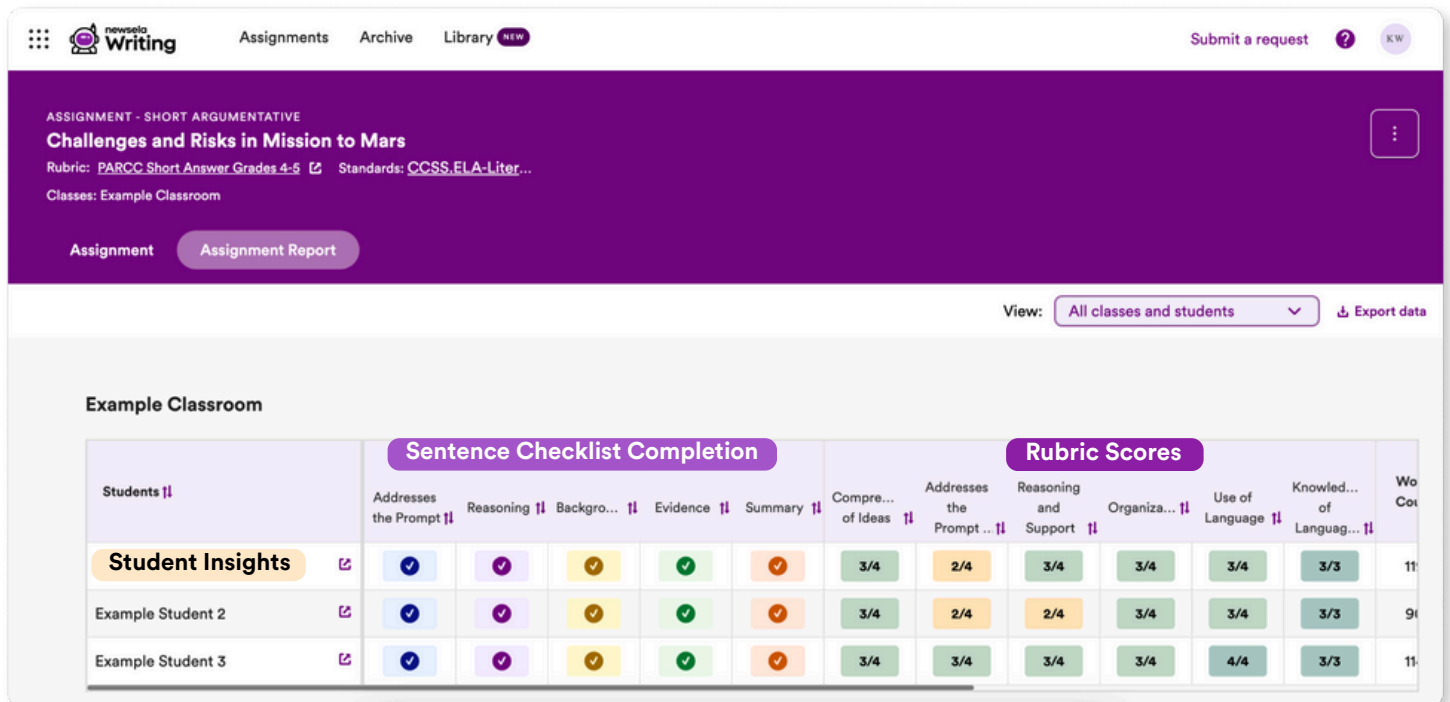
Use this data to gain a snapshot of your students' engagement with texts on Newsela and gauge a breakdown of students accessing texts "above", "at", or "below" grade levels.

### Teacher Reading Skills Insights Pro Tip:

View real-time data on how students are performing on ELA standards and skills to inform future instructional planning and groupings!



## Newsela Writing Classroom Assignment Reports



ASSIGNMENT - SHORT ARGUMENTATIVE  
**Challenges and Risks in Mission to Mars**  
 Rubric: [PARCC Short Answer Grades 4-5](#) Standards: [CCSS.ELA-Liter...](#)  
 Classes: Example Classroom

Assignment **Assignment Report**

View: [All classes and students](#) [Export data](#)

**Example Classroom**

Students	Sentence Checklist Completion					Rubric Scores						Wo Co
	Addresses the Prompt	Reasoning	Backgro...	Evidence	Summary	Compre... of Ideas	Addresses the Prompt ...	Reasoning and Support	Organiza...	Use of Language	Knowled... of Language...	
<b>Student Insights</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3/4	2/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/3	11
Example Student 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3/4	2/4	2/4	3/4	3/4	3/3	9
Example Student 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	4/4	3/3	11

### Teacher Classroom Insights Pro Tip

Click on students' names to see their writing and feedback in real time to make your 1:1 writing conference more impactful!

### Teacher Rubric Scores Pro Tip:

Pivot your instruction and student support strategy in real time by sorting the rubric scores categories by student performance.

- [Using Newsela ELA to support Writing Instruction](#)

### Teacher Sentence Checklist Pro Tip:

Use the sentence checklist to determine when you may need to insert a mini-lesson to jumpstart student writing.

Now that you've got a solid plan for integrating Newsela's products and understanding how to leverage the data for success, you're well on your way to transforming learning!



[Student Data Reflection](#)  
[+ Metacognition](#)

## Additional Learning & Support Resources

- [Get Started With Newsela Hub](#)
- [Support Page](#)
- [Professional Learning Page](#)
- Learn from the Literacy Experts
  - **Lawrence Paska**
    - **About:** Dr. Lawrence Paska is the Executive Director of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), the largest professional association in the country devoted solely to social studies education.
      - [Social Studies: The Unsung Hero of Student Achievement featuring NCSS Executive Director Dr. Lawrence Paska](#) (2024)
  - **Jennifer Serravallo**
    - **About:** Jennifer Serravallo is the author of “The Reading Strategies 2.0 +The Writing Strategies 2.0,” speaker, and leader of a team of literacy specialists who helps teachers develop skillful, enthusiastic readers and writers by translating research into doable practices that fit today’s classrooms.
      - [Driving Literacy Through Content-Rich Instruction With Literacy Expert Jennifer Serravallo](#) (2024)
      - [Writing Practice Across the Curriculum: Driving Student Achievement in Literacy & Beyond](#) (2025)
  - **Natalie Wexler**
    - **About:** Natalie Wexler is an education writer and the author of “Beyond the Science of Reading: Connecting Literacy Instruction to the Science of Learning” (ASCD 2025) and “The Knowledge Gap: The Hidden Cause of America’s Broken Education System—And How to Fix It” (Avery 2019), and co-author, with Judith C. Hochman, of the first and second editions of “The Writing Revolution: A Guide to Advancing Thinking Through Writing in All Subjects and Grades” (Jossey-Bass, 2017 and 2024).
    - [Stop the 8th Grade Slump: Bridging the Gap Between “Learn to Read” and “Read to Learn,” Featuring Natalie Wexler](#) (2024)



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