

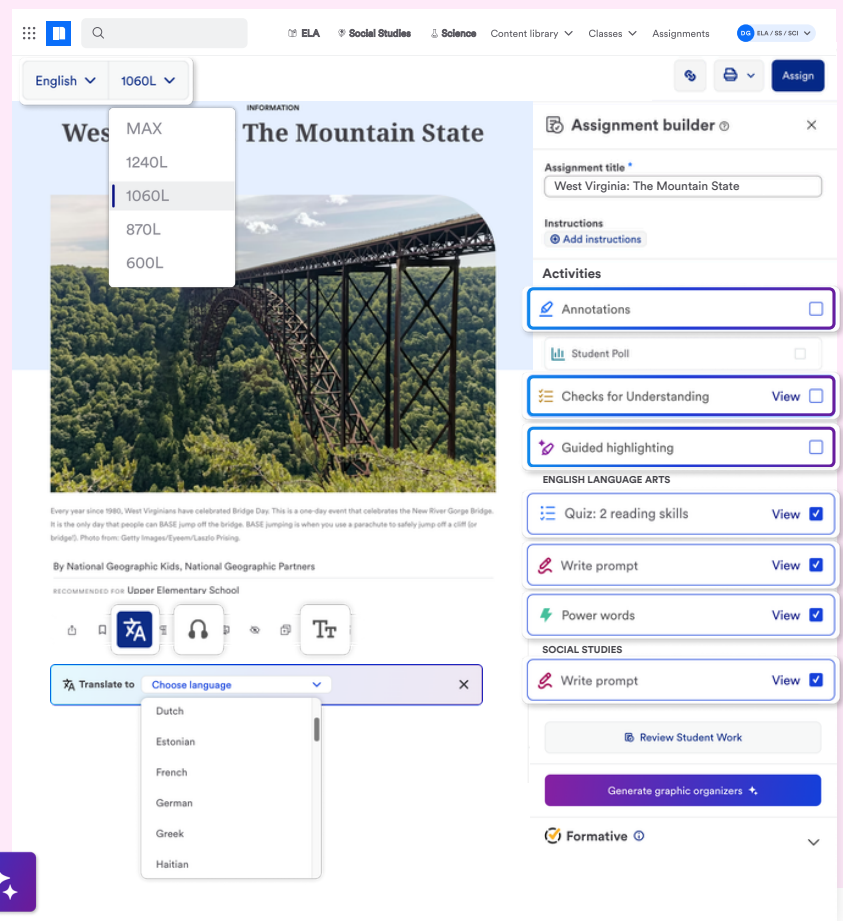
History, Headlines, and Lessons to Shape Tomorrow's Citizens



Inspire students with diverse content that connects history with current events, and promotes scaffolded, inquiry-based learning — all in one place.

Students who used Newsela Social Studies weekly showed the equivalent of an additional year of instruction on their state social studies exam.

- Engage students with **relevant, diverse, and authentic materials** like primary sources, biographies, speeches, and videos.
- Help all students **access grade-level social studies concepts** with embedded scaffolds and **AI-powered** tools such as a Text Translator, Check Your Understanding questions, differentiated texts, and more.
- **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.



The screenshot displays the Newsela Social Studies interface. The main content area shows a lesson titled "The Mountain State" with a large image of a suspension bridge over a forested valley. The interface includes a navigation bar at the top with options like "English" and "1060L". A sidebar on the right, titled "Assignment builder", contains various activity options such as "Annotations", "Student Poll", "Checks for Understanding", "Guided highlighting", "Quiz: 2 reading skills", "Write prompt", and "Power words". A "Translate to" dropdown menu is visible at the bottom of the main content area, listing languages like Dutch, Estonian, French, German, Greek, and Haitian.



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

By integrating local narratives and resources, West Virginia educators can create learning experiences that resonate with students' lives while covering essential standards and initiatives.

Elementary Social Studies for West Virginia

The West Virginia Elementary Social Studies Collection provides content and instructional resources aligned to West Virginia's 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade social studies standards, covering topics in state history, US History, geography, and government.



INFORMATION

Life in West Virginia: Cities, recreation, and culture



ARTICLE

African-American Coal Miners: Helen, WV



ARTICLE

Making salt from an ancient ocean trapped below the Appalachians




ARTICLE


What's up with West Virginia's borders?


Each collection includes a unique and robust set of resources that enable teachers to deliver the content in a meaningful way.





Lesson Sparks

Lesson Objective 

Lesson Sequence 

MLL Supports 

Character Development 

Standards 

Overview of West Virginia 3rd Grade Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
Regions: The Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest, and West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic Characteristics and why people settled here • People, Past and Present • Natural Resources and Industry
Building a Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • America's first inhabitants and explorers • Establishing government: tribal, monarchy, and democracy • Values, principles and beliefs • Cornerstone Activity: How to Create a Nation
U.S. Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of the U.S. Constitution • Fundamental Rights of U.S. Citizens • Purpose of, and ways to show Patriotism
Growing a Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where I live: identify the country, state, and capital cities • Settlement patterns of the united states • America's National Identity • Cornerstone Activity: Create a Map
Citizenship and Working in Our Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting the Rights of American Citizens • Defining Justice, Past and Present • Getting Involved: Helping your Neighbors • Financial Responsibility: WV's SMART529 Program • Cornerstone Activities: Coming Together, and Solutions to Community Problems
History of West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Resources and Climates • Places of Importance in WV • How people have modified their environment • Geographic Patterns • Cornerstone Activity: WV Tourist Brochure

Overview of West Virginia 4th. Grade Collection

Unit	Sample Lessons
The Thirteen Colonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early European Colonization • Geographic Factors, Economic Patterns, Major Industries • Social Structure of Colonial America • Representative Government and First Continental Congress • Cornerstone Activity: Create a Colony, Character Trading Cards
Road to Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaking Away from Britain: Second Continental Congress, Battle of Bunker Hill, and the Declaration of Independence • Turning Point: Battles of Saratoga, Battle of Yorktown • 8 Years Come to an End: Treat of Paris, Key Players, and Effects of the American Revolution
A New Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Confederation • Federalism, Grand Committee, Opposition to the Constitution • Rise of the Political Party System • Farmers, Women, and African Americans in the New Nation • Cornerstone Activity: Mock Government
Westward Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Land, New Opportunity • Challenges Encountered Along the Way • Economic, Geographic and Cultural Factors • Transportation Innovations • Cornerstone Activity: Classroom Oregon Trail
West Virginia and its Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WV's Geographical Implications on Culture • Interstate Interactions: Product and Resources • Making Connections: Past and Present, Early vs Modern Day