Newsela PRO
Implementation Guide for Teachers

Learn how and when to use Newsela PRO in your classroom

Quick Overview
This guide will help you...

Get Started

• Find out how Newsela boosts your students’ progress
• Learn how to implement Newsela effectively based on your individual tech capabilities

Teach with Newsela PRO

• Incorporate 2 articles a week into your lessons
• Use Newsela in any type of classroom activity with any subject
• Set up a teacher account in 10 minutes or less
• Master PRO features so you can teach reading skills the way you’ve always wanted to
• Track student and class progress in real time with the PRO Teacher Binder

Find PRO Learning Opportunities

• Take our exclusive PRO Learning courses and webinars
• Stay on track through the school year with the checklist included in this guide

Access PRO Support

• Contact your Educator Specialist for support with your instructional needs
• Answer the most frequently asked questions about Newsela
Get Started

Why Newsela PRO?

Newsela is the best way for students to master nonfiction in any subject.

Newsela is adaptive and delivers texts at the appropriate reading level for each and every student. With a teacher account, you can see insights on your students’ progress and assignments so you can improve their critical thinking skills and measure their growth in real time.

Not sure how to use Newsela with your specific tech capabilities?

Tech Tip
If each student has a device, they can interact with articles by completing quizzes, Write prompts, and annotations either independently or within a guided reading structure.

Tech Tip
With access to a media center, tech station, or classroom computer, you can use Newsela for projects, center activities, and discussions. We recommend using one of the PRO Teacher Resources listed under an article to help build an engaging lesson.

Tech Tip
Students can download the Newsela App to use on their smartphones or iPads for supplemental home engagement or independent reading. The app even functions without Wi-Fi so students can complete articles wherever they are.
Teach with Newsela PRO

We recommend students complete at least 2 assigned articles every week

To get the most out of Newsela PRO, students should be assigned 2 articles per week. Assign one as part of a guided activity, one for independent work, and even a third article as a student choice to foster self-driven interest in reading.

2x ARTICLES TO ASSIGN A WEEK

PRO TIP
Vary the way you incorporate Newsela articles into lessons by using one of the PRO Teacher Resources that accompany each article. They outline interactive, dynamic classroom activities centered on that article.

Guided Instruction
Check out a PRO Teacher Resource that accompanies the article for structured lesson ideas. You can use Newsela articles to facilitate a debate, conduct a research project, or set up center activities.

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Independent Work
Have students read the article and answer annotations in class, and complete the quiz for homework. Or complete all actions on the article at home for independent practice.

Set up Newsela PRO

1. Teacher account
If you do not yet have an account, register as an Educator. If you already have an account at your school, simply log in to access PRO.

2. Create a class and add students
Make sure your students have accounts. Add them to your class so you can monitor their progress over time.

3. Explore content
Once students are added, you can begin sharing articles with them. This will allow you to see both classwide and individual progress with each assignment.

Click here for more
Teach with Newsela PRO

Master PRO Features

Write Prompts
When students write more, they understand more. Custom Write prompts help teachers gain a sense of how well their students grasped the information.

Annotations
Research shows that, for understanding and retention, nothing beats active engagement. You can make sure they are reading closely by posing questions for your students to answer as they go through an article.

PRO Teacher Resources
These activities are created by teachers for teachers and are customized to the article they accompany. They help you lead students to make meaningful connections and hone essential reading skills.

Assign
Customize instructions to better integrate our articles with your lesson plans. When your students know exactly what’s expected of them, they aim higher and achieve more.

Reading Insights
Newsela delivers actionable metrics on your students’ reading comprehension. You’ll know where your students are, even on specific standards. And that will inform your instruction to better suit their needs and see optimal growth.

Teacher View of Articles
Newsela allows you to stay on top of your students’ progress toward assignment completion. Plus, you’ll save time grading by reviewing their work right from the article.

Track Progress with the Teacher Binder

With Newsela PRO, the Binder lets teachers and administrators spot performance trends and track progress in real time. Know whether students – in every classroom and subject – understand their reading, and where they stand to grow. When you assign 2 articles a week, Newsela will steadily collect student data and adapt to their needs with every single article.
Find PRO Learning Opportunities

Our blended learning pathways are essential to effective implementation of Newsela

Overview
Our PRO Learning offerings will ensure smooth, successful implementation of Newsela at your school. As a PRO subscriber, you have access to all of our Online Learning Library courses. We also offer packages of virtual training, in-person training, or a blend of both.

Online Learning Library
Our Online Learning Library courses highlight applications of Newsela PRO features for content area, grade level, and literacy connections. Educators can move at their own pace and design their own learning pathway for continued enrichment with Newsela PRO.

Example courses include:
- Newsela 101
- How to: Annotations
- Teaching Tips: Instruction with PRO Teacher Resources

Take your professional learning to the next level with the right PRO Learning package for your school

 Foundations
Launch the school year with workshops to support technology implementation, close reading, and goal setting.

- Newsela PRO in the Classroom
- Reading Across the Curriculum
- Your choice of workshop - email proteam@newsela.com for offerings

 Best Practices
Establish and review goals based on student and school performance in the Binder.

- Newsela Goals for the School Year
- Reflecting on Student Progress: Binder Workshop
- Your choice of workshop

 Extensions
We’ll work with small groups of teachers to coach lesson planning, classroom instruction with technology, and set year long goals with Newsela.

- Coaching
- Your choice of workshop
- Your choice of workshop

Want to become a Newsela expert?

 Newsela Certification
We offer individual training programs to recognize leaders in the Newsela community. The online lessons for these certifications will review the basics of Newsela, PRO tips, and classroom applications. You’ll earn certificates for PD hours, plus you’ll be able to train colleagues.

Certifications include:
- Newsela Certified Educator
- Newsela Teacher Trainer
- Newsela Resource Writer

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To learn more about the choices available or to schedule your training, email proteam@newsela.com.
And be sure to check our calendar for new events!
# Newsela Implementation Timeline

Set your students up for success by following our recommended timeline.

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Access PRO Support

Educator Specialists

With your PRO subscription, you have your own personal Educator Specialist from the Community team at Newsela.

As former educators with experience spanning all grade levels and content areas, Educator Specialists can support you with any instructional needs. From finding content that aligns to your current unit to creating custom Text Sets for you, we are always happy to help.

FAQ

What are best practices for getting students registered on Newsela?

Students do not need new accounts from year to year. If your students have existing Newsela accounts, they can simply add your class and they’ll be good to go! If they do not yet have accounts, the easiest way to get them up and running is to use a single sign-on method or a rostering system, such as Clever or Google Classroom.

If your school uses:

- Clever - follow these instructions
- Google Classroom - sync your classrooms by following the steps here
- Single Sign-On through Google - students can register by following the steps in the first section here

Can students choose their own articles or do I have to assign them?

Both! When you assign articles, you can monitor student progress in your Binder by assignment or in your class overall. But students are also able to read articles and take quizzes that were not assigned to them. This work will show up in the student’s data in your Binder under a class labeled ‘Independent Reading.’ This is a great way to encourage student choice if you share a few different articles for them to pick from.

Is there a way to add a co-teacher to my class? Or join another teacher’s class?

Yes! To add a co-teacher, just follow these steps. Then both of you will be able to assign articles to your shared class and monitor student growth together.

My students forget their passwords. What do I do?

The best way to avoid this is to have students sign up for Newsela initially using a Single Sign-On provider like Google or Clever, so that putting a password in is not required to log in. However, if students do enter passwords, you are able to reset it from your student list in your account.

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For account or instructional support, reach out to your Educator Specialist at help@newsela.com

For information about your license or purchasing, reach out to your Account Manager at accountmanagement@newsela.com

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