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What problem does Newsela help solve for you?



I have a very broad range of reading levels within classes; Newsela makes reading accessible to all of my students. The ability to differentiate the reading level of articles is invaluable. I also teach ESOL inclusion classes and Newsela has many articles available in Spanish.

How have you used Newsela in your classroom to help build background knowledge for your students?



My students are currently using Newsela to build background knowledge of [McCarthyism](#) in order to deepen their understanding of the allegory of *The Crucible*. A different class [explored propaganda as a part of their Holocaust unit](#). It is great to have access to these resources that are easy to differentiate.

What is something Newsela has helped with which you did not expect?



Newsela has helped me make cross-curricular connections for my students. When student are building knowledge and interpreting literature, a perspective from science, history, or current events can deepen their understand and help them make authentic connections.