



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SESSION

# Rethinking History with Newsela

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**Welcome!**

Presenter	Session Materials	General Resources
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## Today's Agenda

Here is a plan of what we will accomplish today. The hope is that you will walk away with a strong understanding of Newsela content and tools to support your instructional purpose and students.

Time	Section	Resources
5 mins	Introduction & Orientation	<b>Getting Started with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Canvas</a></li></ul>
5 mins	Rethinking History in Our Classrooms	<b>Social Studies Teaching &amp; Learning is Powerful when it is:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meaningful</li><li>Integrative</li><li>Value-Based</li><li>Challenging</li><li>Active</li></ul> <b>Newsela Social Studies Content:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Newsela Social Studies</a></li><li><a href="#">Newsela's Content</a></li></ul>
3 mins	Reflect & Share	How do you help students "make sense of an uncomfortable past, a chaotic present, and an inchoate future?"
10 mins	Investigating Issues Across Sources	<b>Links:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Course Collections</a></li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Focused Studies</a></li><li>• <a href="#">C3 Inquiries</a></li><li>• Model Lesson: <a href="#">Immigration</a></li></ul> <p><b>Support Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graphic Organizers:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <a href="#">Primary Source Analysis</a></li><li>◦ <a href="#">Perspective Analysis</a></li><li>◦ <a href="#">Comparing Multiple Sources</a></li></ul></li></ul>	
10 mins	<b>Time to Explore</b> <i>Choose the option that's best for you</i>		
Need Help with Breakout rooms? Ask your facilitator or consult the resource below:  <a href="#">Breakout Rooms Support</a>	<b>Browse &amp; Save Social Studies Resources</b>	<b>Analyze &amp; Evaluate an Assignment Template</b>	<b>Choose an assignment to experience as a student</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Course Collections</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Focused Studies</a></li><li>• <a href="#">C3 Inquiries</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Text Sets by Teachers</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Primary Sources</a></li><li>• <a href="#">News</a></li><li>• <a href="#">History Comes to Life Collection</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Historical Fiction</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Video</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Multimedia</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Pro/Con</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Complex Topics</a></li></ul>	Assignment Templates:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Elem: American Indians vs. American Settlers</a></li><li>• <a href="#">U.S. History: Alternative Perspectives Toward Independence</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Civics: Perspectives on Civic Duty</a></li><li>• <a href="#">World History: Colonization and Imperialism</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Ancient Civilizations: Mesoamerica</a></li></ul>	Choose a Student Log In: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Rethinking History Student Logins</a></li></ul> <p>Log out of your educator account and log in as a student.</p> <p>Navigate to the assignments tab.</p> <p>Select a text to read and annotate independently.</p>
3 mins	<b>Reflect &amp; Share</b>	<i>What did you find in your first work block that might influence your design of future Newsela activities?</i>	
10 mins	<b>Fostering Student Connections</b>	<b>Links to Content:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">How to communicate effectively</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Tips for writing a letter to Congress</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Taking it to the streets: Grassroots activism in the United States</a></li></ul> <b>Links to Collections:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Cornerstone Activities</a></li><li>• <a href="#">C3 Inquiries</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Text Sets by Teachers</a></li></ul> <b>Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Newsela to Action</a></li><li>• Graphic Organizers:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <a href="#">Public Service Announcement</a></li><li>◦ <a href="#">Blog Post Planner</a></li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Support Resources:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Present Mode</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Annotations</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Creating an Assignment</a></li></ul>
10 mins	<b>Explore &amp; Apply: Planning for Your Instruction</b> Breakout Room Options: Collaborative Room, Quiet Room, Main Room		
Need			

<p>Help with Breakout rooms? Ask your facilitator or consult the resource below:</p> <p><a href="#">Breakout Rooms Support</a></p>	<p><b><u>Review Ready-to-Use Curations</u></b></p> <p>Spend time with classroom-ready instructional sets and resources.</p> <p>Resource:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Find Text Sets and Collections</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Lesson Sparks</a></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Customize Existing Artifacts</u></b></p> <p>Make a copy of existing Text Sets to adjust the content and instructions.</p> <p>Resource:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Edit and Teach with Text Sets</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Assigning Multiple Articles</a></li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Design Your Own Resources</u></b></p> <p>Create Text Set or multi-article assignments for your lessons and learners.</p> <p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ways to Create Text Sets</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Building Learning with Social Studies Collections</a></li> </ul>
<b>4 mins</b>	<b>Debrief &amp; Reflect</b>	When it comes to your social studies instruction, what is one idea, approach, or resource you are taking away from today?	
	<b>Closing</b>	<a href="#">Additional Professional Learning Resources</a> <a href="#">NCE &amp; NTT Courses</a>	

## Resources to Sustain Learning

[National Council for the Social Studies Position Statement](#)  
NCSS, 2016.

[Taking informed action with Newsela's Cornerstone Activities collection](#)  
Bromberg, Julia. 2020.

[Social Studies Matters: Current Events Connections](#)  
Miller-Leonard, Tiana. 2020.

[Ed Current: Remixing and Reimagining Inquiry-Based Social Studies](#)  
Lee, John (author of C3 Framework) & Newsela. 2019.

[Lesson Lab - Discovering My State with Upper Elementary Historians](#)  
Newsela, 2021.

[Lesson Lab - Exploring the Civil Rights Movement](#)  
Newsela, 2021.

[Best practices for creating Text Sets](#)  
Newsela Professional Learning Team, 2021.

[Newsela Prep Period Collection](#)  
Newsela E-Learning Team, 2021.

