



TCH 445:Just Google it  
Project

February 24, 2014

# Search Engine

- NEWSELA: Non-Fiction Literacy and Current Events website/search engine.
- This site is used as a literacy tool.
- Many of the teachers in my building use this tool.

# NEWSLA: Non-Fiction Literacy and Current Events

- This website provides several categorical options: War and Peace, Science, Kids, Money, Law, Health, and Arts.
- Under each of these categories there are articles.
- Benefits: Many teachers and students like this site because it adjusts the Lexile score to the reading level of the student.
- Twerk: Some of the articles not only adjust to the student's Lexile level, but they also provide quizzes.

# NEWSLA

www.newsela.com

NEWSLA beta WAR & PEACE SCIENCE KIDS MONEY LAW HEALTH ARTS

**SOCHI Games end with**  
... spent \$51 billion on the 2014 Winter Olympics.

**PRO/CON: Permitting online gambling**  
02.24.14 10:24 p.m.  
Should the government regulate online gambling, or should it ban it? Two writers give their opinions on the matter.

**Outcry over Coper**  
02.24.14 10:23 p.m.  
Zookeepers said they had to kill the animal because its genes were too similar to those of the other animals. They wouldn't do something like that.

SCIENCE 1 3 **Mammoth's tusk unearthed in Seattle**

MONEY **Hearing held on bid to form first college athletes union, QB speaks**

LAW **Verdict in Dunn case again raises self-defense and race in Florida**

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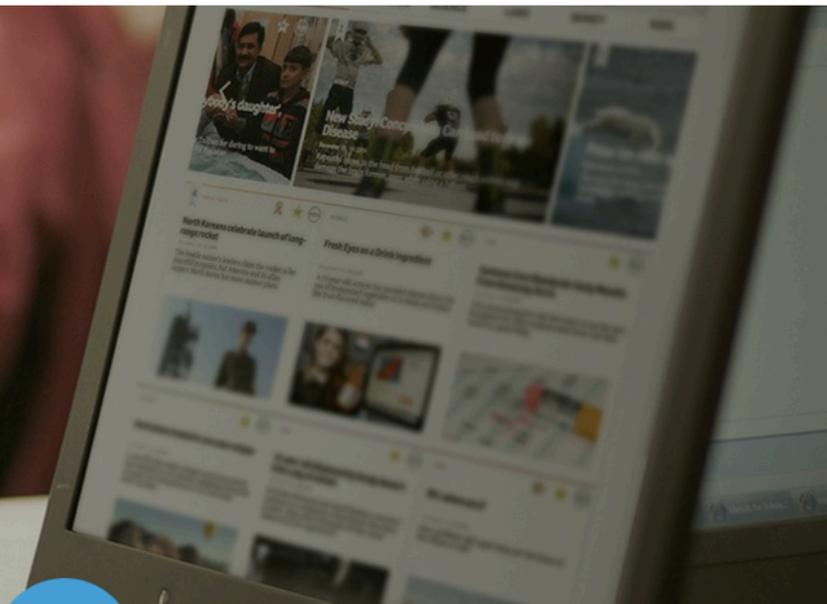
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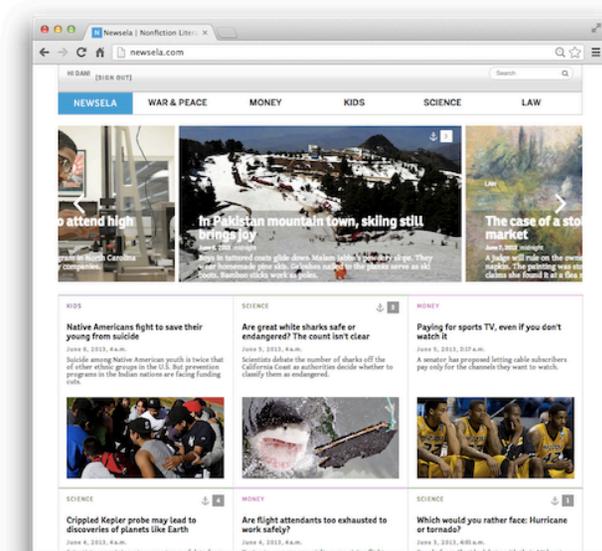
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Think critically.  
Be worldly.**

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# About NEWSELA



## A revolution in Common Core literacy tools.

Newsela builds close reading and critical thinking skills. Give your students a new way to climb the staircase of nonfiction reading comprehension, from fourth grade to college-ready.

# About NEWSELA: Reading Levels

## Articles written at multiple levels of text complexity.

Newsela automatically gives each student the version of an article that's just right for his or her reading ability. And an easier or harder version of each article is just a click away.

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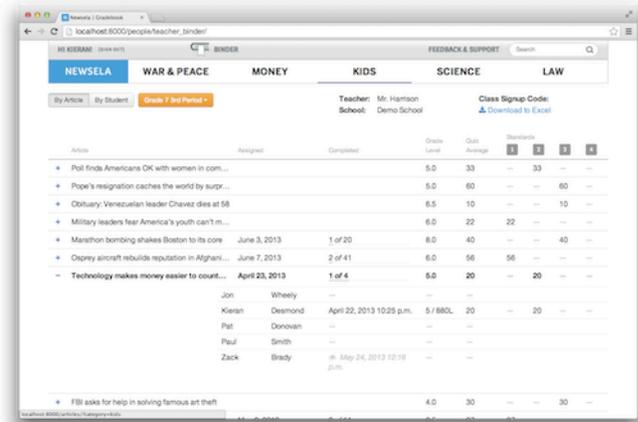
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# About NEWSELA

## Simply powerful teacher tools.

We know teachers' time is precious. Newsela makes it easy to assign articles, review student quizzes and track Common Core mastery.

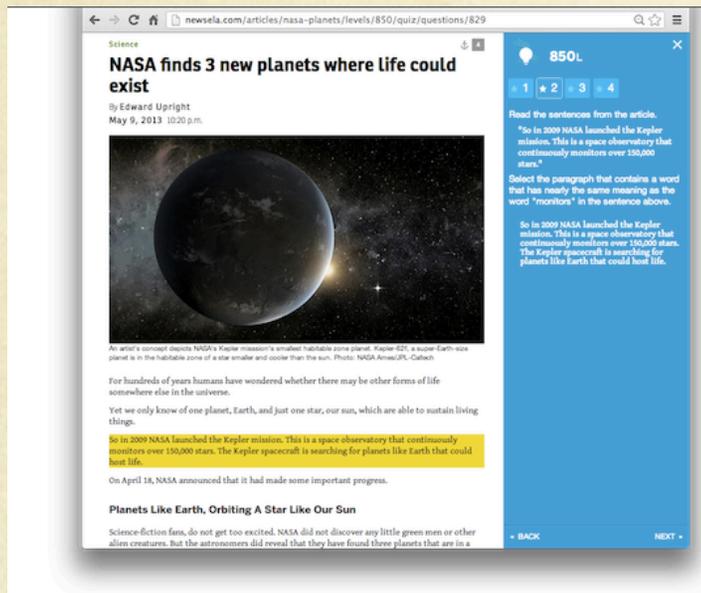


The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Newsela teacher dashboard. The dashboard includes a navigation menu with categories like NEWSELA, WAR & PEACE, MONEY, KIDS, SCIENCE, and LAW. It also shows a table of assigned articles with columns for Article, Assigned, Completed, Quiz Level, Quiz Average, and Standards. The table lists several articles with their respective completion and quiz scores for various students.

Article	Assigned	Completed	Quiz Level	Quiz Average	Standards
• Poll finds Americans OK with women in com...			5.0	33	33
• Pope's resignation catches the world by surpr...			5.0	60	60
• Obituary: Venezuelan leader Chavez dies at 58			6.5	10	10
• Military leaders fear America's youth can't m...			6.0	22	22
• Marathon bombing shakes Boston to its core	June 3, 2013	1 of 20	8.0	40	40
• Osprey aircraft rebuilds reputation in Afghan...	June 7, 2013	2 of 41	6.0	56	56
• Technology makes money easier to count...	April 23, 2013	1 of 4	5.0	20	20
Jon Wheely					
Kieran Desmond	April 22, 2013 10:25 p.m.		5 / 800L	20	20
Pat Donovan					
Paul Smith					
Zack Brady	May 24, 2013 12:18 p.m.				
• FBI asks for help in solving famous art theft			4.0	30	30



# NEWSELA: Articles and Quizzes



The screenshot shows a Newsela article titled "NASA finds 3 new planets where life could exist" by Edward Upright, dated May 9, 2013. The article features a large image of a planet in space. A quiz interface is overlaid on the right side of the article, titled "850L". The quiz instructions are: "Read the sentences from the article. 'So in 2009 NASA launched the Kepler mission. This is a space observatory that continuously monitors over 150,000 stars.' Select the paragraph that contains a word that has nearly the same meaning as the word 'monitors' in the sentence above." The article text includes: "So in 2009 NASA launched the Kepler mission. This is a space observatory that continuously monitors over 150,000 stars. The Kepler spacecraft is searching for planets like Earth that could host life." The quiz interface also shows a progress bar with four questions, with the first question selected.

## Quizzes to test reading comprehension.

Articles are accompanied by Common Core-aligned quizzes to provide quick and powerful feedback. You'll always know whether your students are on track and where they're falling short.

# Free Teacher Registration

## Register

**I'm a Teacher**

I'm a Parent

School country \*

United States

School postal code ? \*

e.g. 10001

School name ? \*

e.g. Brownwood Middle School

First name \*

Last name \*

REGISTER

Email ? \*

Create a username \*

up to 30 characters

Pick a password \*

Type the password again \*

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# Article: Lexile and Quiz Provided

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NEWSELA **WAR & PEACE** SCIENCE KIDS **MONEY** LAW HEALTH ARTS

Money Tweet +1 Like 0 1 4

## Farmer grows crops in water fertilized by fish

By Daily Press, adapted by Newsela staff  
01.26.14 10 p.m.

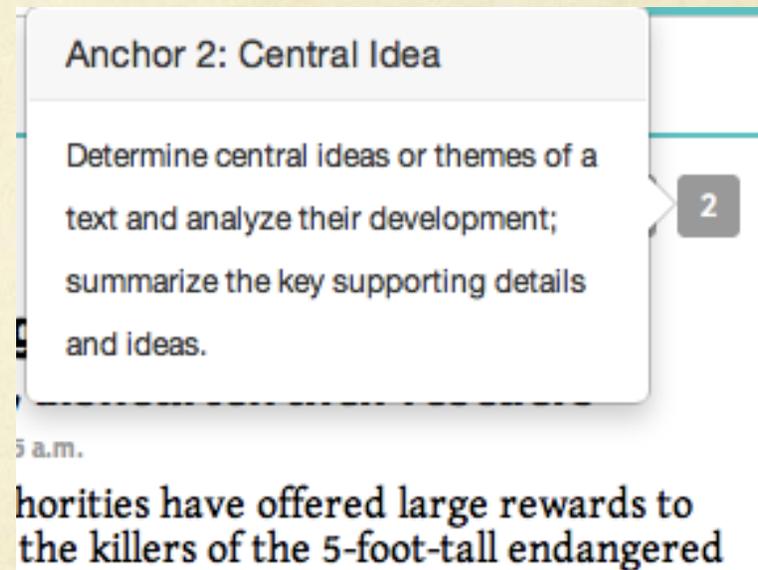


Click to change reading level.  
Okay, got it.

MAX  
960L  
790L  
670L  
520L  
—  
QUIZ

# Anchor Numbers

- Some articles provide a symbol of an anchor in the right hand corner, along with a number in which you can scroll over and a caption will appear.
- The Anchor numbers range from 1-4 .
- 1: asks what the text says, 2: reminds the student to look for the central idea, 3: wants the reader to identify people, events, and ideas, and 4: encourages the reader to consider word choice and meanings



# Questions

- How does a site get to the top?
- I feel that this site is at the top for our teachers or for many others, because it was created to meet the needs of our students.
- Do all search engines search the same way?
- No, all search have a particular purpose.

# Questions

- Are there ways to filter a search?
- No, you can search according to topic
- What are the strategies to get the needed information?
- You can go to the search box in the top right hand corner of the site and type in the topic of your interest. Many articles will appear according to the selected topic.

# Questions

- Do strategies change depending upon the needed information?
- No, the person doing the search can just type in their topic into the search bar and several articles will appear.
- What tips, tricks and instruction would help a searcher?
- Knowing your specific topic is important, then you won't have much of a problem completing your search.
- Tips: Adjust the lexile so that it may meet the reader's need. If comprehension is important, try to choose a article that has a quiz to complete.

# NEWSELA: Instructions

- [www.newsela.com](http://www.newsela.com)
- Instructions: When you click on this site you will see the different categories.
- You can click on About NEWSELA and see what this site provides.
- Click on the Money category and scroll down to the **fourth row** and click on the article titled: Farmer Grows Crops in Water Fertilized by Fish
- On the right-hand side you can see the score options. You can maximize and minimize it as much as you want.
- You will also see a quiz option that is provided to test comprehension skills. Not all articles have the quiz option available.