

NEWSELA



VERSION	PUBLISHER	TARGET AUDIENCE	COST	PASS OR FAIL?
2.3.1	Newsela, Inc.	4+	Free	PASS

DESCRIPTION OF APP:

Newsela is an app where students are able to go read recent news articles of different events around the world. When you first open the app, there are various news articles to choose from at the interest of the child. If the student has a class code, they are also able to practice their reading comprehension by taking a small quiz. They are able to adjust the article of their choice to their reading level. Through this app, students are able to see their progression through these articles and activities.

OUR REVIEW:

Newsela is an amazing app to introduce to our fifth graders. The news articles that are introduced to students may be of interest since it is current news that is happening around their world. The articles offered everyday are interesting. This app is designed very well, has great graphics, easy to navigate and feedback on the quizzes are effective. It is an awesome app for struggling readers, where they can adjust the level of reading. We do wish maybe read aloud or a video was available to go with the article.

With this app, fifth graders will be able to see how they progress in their reading and experience different genres of literacy. Teachers can allow students to use this app as their silent reading or personal reading time. Teachers could also pull an article they could work on together as a class or group.

TYPE OF SOFTWARE/ ENVIRONMENT:

Software: This software is a Discovery Learning app because students can log in and read new articles from around the world at their own reading levels. They can also test their reading comprehension with mini quizzes in each article.

Environment: The environments this app would fit in is mobile, single user, and small group environments. With mobile environments and single users, each student would need their own device to read articles individually during silent reading or if they have extra time. This app can also be used in small groups. During small groups, a teacher may assign, read together or ask the students to choose an article at that groups level.

CURRICULUM:

For fifth grade, this a great time to introduce them to new articles as a reading genre. Students can login into Newsela with a class code and go and read news articles from around the world at their own reading levels. With the class code students are able to take mini quizzes to show mastery in reading comprehension.

Title: Newsela



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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected 	X		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Color, items on the screen, sounds 	X		
Is it easy to navigate?	X		
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use?		X	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	X		
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, do they enhance instead of detract? If not, should there be? 	X		
Did you like using the App?	X		
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, was it enough 		X	
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, what were the additional costs? 		X	

APPS EVALUATING

How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			N/A
Additional Comments			

Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	X		
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match an individual's abilities? • Does it meet an individual's needs? 	X		We liked how the students could pick their reading level.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	