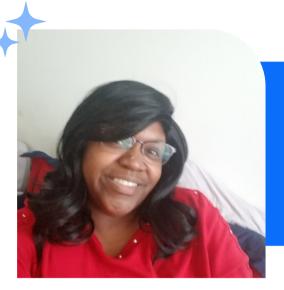
#### **EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT**





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## How does Newsela enhance your instruction?



Newsela not only offers current news in a form that any student can comprehend and analyze, but it also helps to hone those critical skills in which students struggle. Additionally, it suggests activities that can be included within primary lessons and extended activities to encourage higher level learning.

#### What do students think of Newsela?



While it took some students time to become acclimated to the format, they have been very receptive and engaged in thought-provoking discussions as a result. We have discussed world events, various cultures, and academic/social events and how they relate to them. It gives them an opportunity to focus on a specific event or idea and truly express themselves.

# Favorite/most relevant Newsela article from this past year?



This is difficult. "Skeleton images go up on Mexican holiday, the Day of the Dead" was the most talked about recently. Previously, it was "Kids shuffle lunch seats as part of "No One Eats Alone" campaign".

## Has Newsela helped you with anything you did not expect?



I like that I can also increase my students' vocabulary. This was a feature I did not expect.