Newsela – Canvas Integration
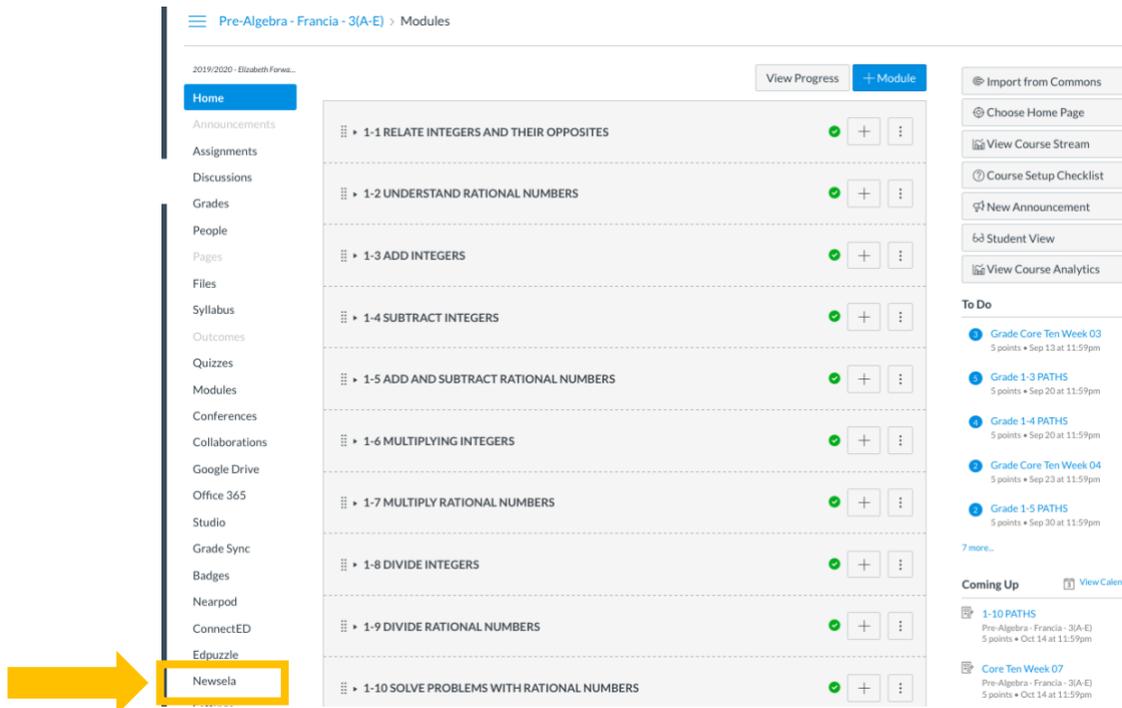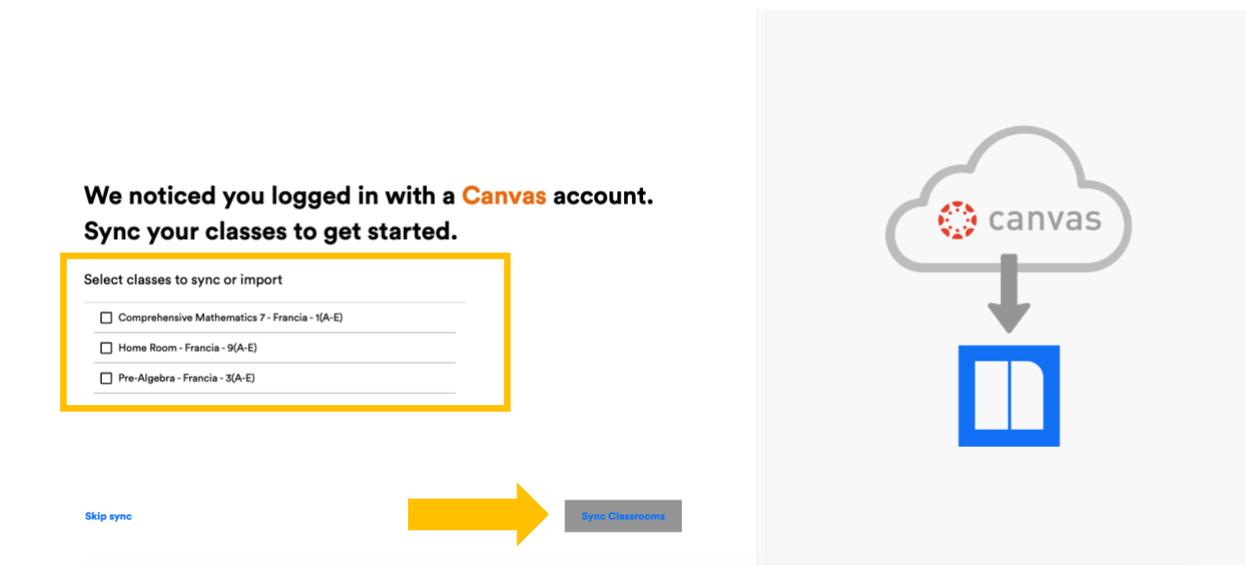# Set Up Guide

1. Open a Canvas Course. Within Global Navigation (left-hand side), click *Newsela*.

2. Newsela will open with an explanation of the platform. Click next until the screen below appears. Select the Canvas courses that you would like to sync with Newsela. You will be asked to select a subject & grade level for each course you sync. When finished, click *Sync Classrooms*.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I set grade levels in Newsela?

- Student grade levels are not stored in Canvas and therefore are not synced from Canvas to Newsela. To ensure that student grade levels are accurate in Newsela, teachers should set grade levels and elementary filters in Newsela prior to assigning articles.
- In Newsela, navigate to your Classes tab by hovering over your name at the top of the page and clicking **Classes** in the drop-down menu.

- Select a class in your list of classes and click the icon in the **Edit** column. You will then be able to set the class grade. Click **Save** to save your changes.
- **Additional step for elementary classes:** Click on the toggle button in the **Elementary** column to set any class to elementary. Students in Elementary classes will see only articles that Newsela editors have selected for younger readers based on whether they are likely to have the background knowledge and maturity to understand the article. Teachers can view these articles by [using the **Suggested For Elementary** filters on the Advanced Search page](). If you want to share a non-Elementary article with students in an Elementary class, you can do so by assigning the article.

2. When are Canvas courses updated in Newsela?

- Classes and enrolled students will be automatically updated in Newsela every time the teacher clicks on the Newsela icon in the course navigation menu of a Canvas course.

3. Which Canvas courses will be imported into Newsela?

- Currently published courses will import into Newsela. If your classes are not importing, confirm that they are published. You will need to sign into Newsela from Canvas to trigger the course import.

4. When will my classes archive in Newsela?

- Newsela will archive your classes once they are marked concluded in Canvas or after the course end date passes. You will need to sign into Newsela from Canvas to trigger course archiving.

5. How will cross-listing my courses in Canvas affect my Newsela classes?

- Cross-listed sections will import into Newsela as one large section.

Creating a Newsela Canvas Assignment

- Create and edit a Canvas assignment and include instructions to students.

- Under "Submission Type" choose "External Tool."

- Click **Find**. Scroll and click **Newsela**.

- Click **Go to Newsela.**

- You'll be taken into Newsela. Note the dark blue ribbon at the top of the Newsela screen. This blue ribbon indicates that you are working on assigning an article in Canvas.

- Search for the article you want to assign. You can add annotations and edit the writing prompt if you wish.

- Click on the **Create Assignment** button.

- Note that your Canvas course is pre-selected in course dropdown list.

- Click on the **Assign** Button.

- Newsela will prompt you to Return to Canvas.

- Click **Return to Canvas.**

- Click **Embed Assignment.**

- In Canvas, the "Configure External Tool" window will appear next. Click **Select**.

- Uncheck the "Load This Tool In A New Tab" checkbox. Otherwise, in order for students to read the article and submit the assignment, they will need to open Newsela in a new tab.

- Click **Save and Publish.**

Student Grades

Student quiz scores, annotations, and writing prompt response submissions can be viewed and graded in the Canvas SpeedGrader. Since Newsela is an adaptive tool which allows students to take quizzes multiple times and adjust article levels, individual scores graded in Newsela do not pass back to the Canvas SpeedGrader. This means that the teacher will manually enter a grade for a Newsela Canvas assignment within the Canvas Speedgrader.

Adding Rubrics

Teachers can add rubrics in Canvas to score Newsela assignments. Please note that you'll have to first add a rubric to the assignment, then assign your Newsela article. You can find more information [here](#).

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