



Weekly Student Activities

Students can engage with NewsDepth in multiple ways that encourage learning and provide opportunities to communicate through writing, use digital skills, and demonstrate their comprehension:



Inbox: Each week NewsDepth asks students to respond to a writing prompt related to a news story. Students can submit written, video, or audio answers via our online form that includes the function for teachers to receive a copy of the student's response. The online form is located here: www.ideastream.org/newsdepth-inbox.

We care about keeping students safe online. In order for a student's video or audio response to be included online or on-air, they must have a media consent and release form completed. An online version of the form and a PDF version can be found at www.ideastream.org/newsdepth-release.

Students can also email their answers to newsdepth@ideastream.org or send them to NewsDepth at 1375 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44115.

Student responses to the writing prompt will be featured online and in the following episode as a way to reward great writing techniques. Teachers are encouraged to use the Inbox to teach ELA, writing, and digital literacy skills.



Poll: Each week students are given the ability to cast their vote in an online poll that relates to a news story. The poll is located here: www.ideastream.org/newsdepth-poll

Navigating to the poll and submitting a vote can be an opportunity to learn computer skills and engage in critical thought. Poll questions often make great topics for class discussions as well.

Poll results are shared in the following episode with a graphic representation of the responses.



Episode worksheets can be used by students while viewing to engage listening skills and to assess whether students comprehend the content of each news story.

The worksheets are available as a PDF download or as a Google Form that can be added to a teacher's Google Classroom. Both are located on full episode pages, directly beneath the video.

A separate version of the worksheet called the "Rundown Game" is available for student use on the ideastream website here: www.ideastream.org/newsdepth-rundown



Petting Zoo is a fun series of animal news videos posted weekly on the NewsDepth website. The videos are intended to promote student's digital literacy skills by allowing students to interact with digital text and navigate a webpage.

New videos are uploaded each week here: www.ideastream.org/newsdepth-petting-zoo



A+ Award: NewsDepth is pleased to reward positive student and class activities and achievements. Students and teachers can submit nominations for the NewsDepth A+ Award by emailing newsdepth@ideastream.org.

New winners are featured in this recurring series that plays within full episodes of NewsDepth. Excerpt videos are available here: www.ideastream.org/newsdepth-a-plus