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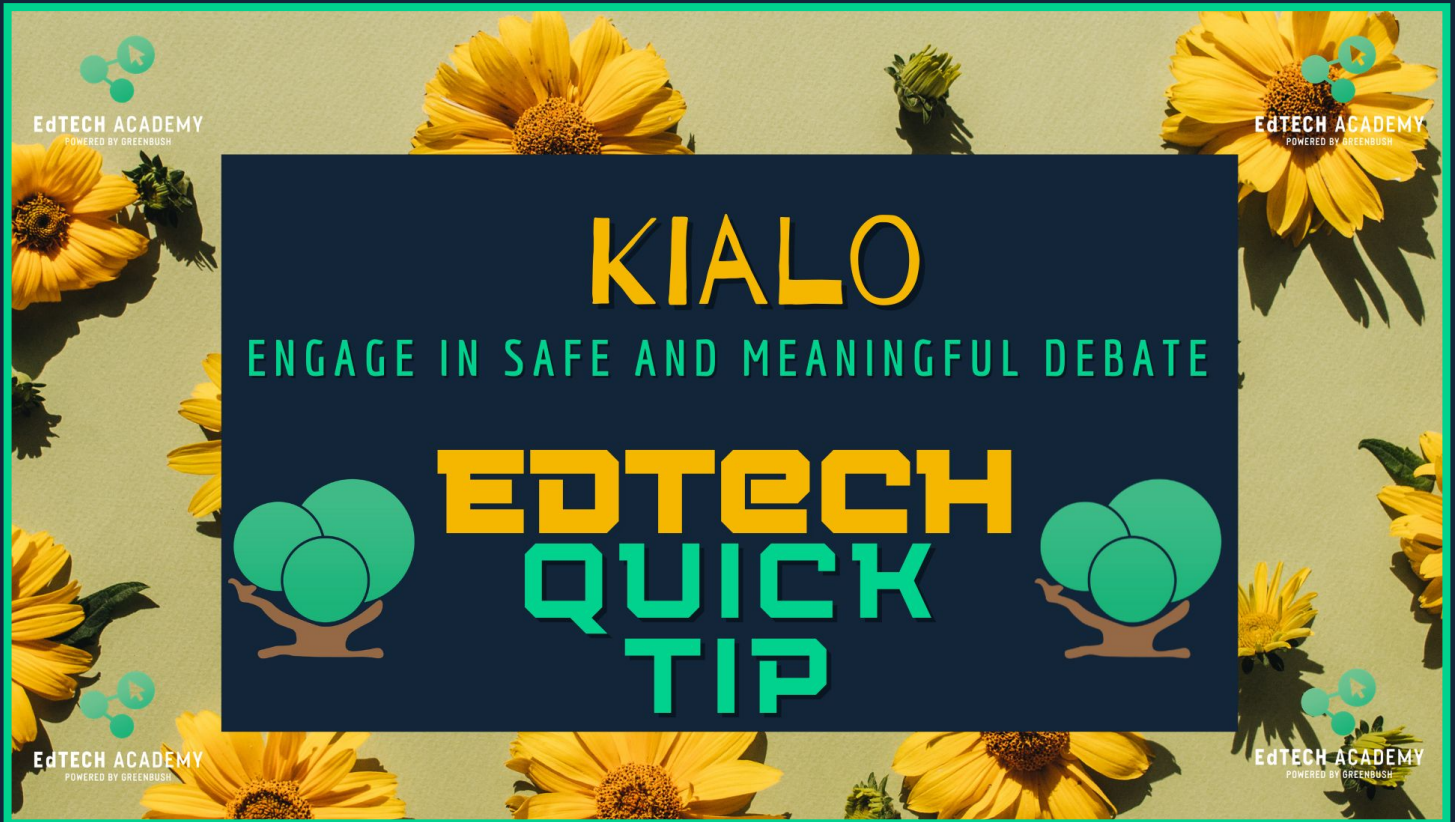
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The screenshot shows a Google Classroom assignment editor interface. At the top, there is a clipboard icon and a text input field labeled "Title" containing the text "#12004a Lesson on Equations of Circles". Below the title field is a text area labeled "Instructions (optional)" containing the text "I have included an optional YouTube video. For this lesson you will want to understand how the |". A large green arrow points to a rich text formatting toolbar located below the instructions. The toolbar includes icons for bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), bulleted list (≡), and strikethrough (X). At the bottom of the editor, there are two buttons: "Add" and "Create".

Rich Text Formatting In Classroom

No Fooling! Google Classroom has begun rolling out rich text formatting to Google Classroom. As with other Classroom updates, this is a rolling update so not everyone will have it at the same time. Be on the lookout!



Kialo

Debating a topic in the classroom can quickly devolve into a frustrating and miserable experience. Kialo allows teachers to create a debate topic and invite their students to contribute pros and cons to the argument. These pros and cons can then be viewed by all and can be given an impact score from each user, which makes the strongest arguments filter to the top. Learn more in this week's EdTech quick tip video!

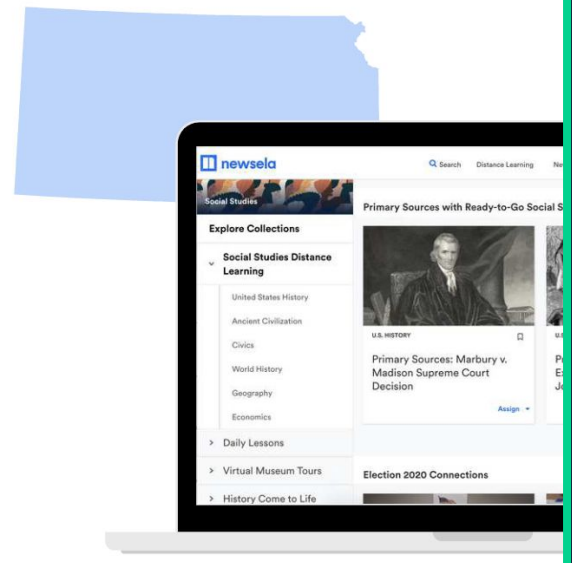
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Now is the time of year that districts should be in the process of evaluating the instructional materials they'll implement next school year. Yet, nearly one year into the pandemic, a number of district leaders we speak to are still facing daily uncertainty that makes that sort of planning nearly impossible.

We believe challenging budget environments shouldn't stand in the way of teachers' ability to increase student engagement. So, we're offering eligible districts facing significant budget pressure the opportunity to pilot Newsela at no cost for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year, to help bridge the budget gap until new stimulus funds become available.



Newsela for Free!

Greenbush has a great partnership with the good folks at Newsela and they are offering no-cost Newsela pilots to Kansas districts this spring! Districts need to [schedule a quick 15-minute call with Lauren](#), our local Newsela rep, to discuss a few details, fill out a 6 question survey, and you will be up and running in 24-hours. Access will be open until the end of June so that districts can use the program for summer or extended learning.

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ON-BOARDING

Free EdTech Academy On-Boarding

If your staff has even just 10-15 minutes, I would be more than happy to provide a free Zoom session where I can cover how to sign up for an account, log-in, answer any questions folks might have, and take advantage of all of the resources that are available on EdTech Academy.

Contact me to schedule your session anytime!

[Click here to contact Ronnie](#)