

# Teacher Consent Form

**You are invited to participate in a study** conducted by Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC), a non-profit organization. The goal of this study is to find out more about the impact of a supplemental history curriculum on middle and high school students' learning. This research is funded by the US Department of Education.

## Research Purpose:

- The purpose of this study is to evaluate whether a supplemental digital history curriculum, including an online game for students, plus curricular supports and activities, helps students in Grades 8-10 learn history and develop historical thinking skills.

## Study Overview:

- As part of this 3-month study (October-December) during the 2023/24 school year, you will be assigned to one of two groups. One group will use a supplemental digital history curriculum and related curricular resources and the other group will not have access to these resources until the study and program are over. By the end of the study, all teachers will have access to all of the study materials.
- You will be asked to help us facilitate in-class assessments with your students both at the beginning and end of the study. The assessments should take around 30-40 minutes.
- You will be asked to complete weekly online activity logs about your classroom practices.
- You will be asked to join an online orientation session that will last approximately 60 minutes. Depending on your group assignment, this session will take place either at the beginning or the end of the study.
- You will be asked to complete a 5-minute online demographic survey.
- Researchers will conduct at least one remote classroom observation (for example, via Zoom) during one of your class periods. We will audio record the observation. These observations are not an evaluation of your performance; we are seeing how well the supplementary digital curriculum works with your class curriculum.
- We estimate it'll take 10-15 minutes per week to complete the weekly practice logs, 15 minutes to prep for the classroom observation, and 10-15 minutes each to complete a demographic and curriculum survey (a total of 2.5 hours across the 3 months). We estimate it'll take approximately 15 hours total (or about 1.5-2.5 hours per week) to implement and finish the supplemental digital curriculum and associated activities.

## Recordings:

### Audio/video recording or photography

We are asking for you to allow us to audio record you during the classroom observation as part of the research study.

The recordings will only be used for analysis by the research team.

The recordings might include your name, for example if a student refers to you by name during the observation.

The recordings will be labeled with a study identifier, not your name, will be stored on an encrypted laptop, and will be destroyed upon publication of the study results.

Statement of Consent: I have read the audio-recording summary above.

- ☐ Yes, I consent to be audio recorded.
- ☐ No, I DO NOT consent.

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Please sign here.

**Risks, discomforts, and inconveniences:** We expect the risks associated with this study to be minimal, no greater than the risks associated with daily life; however, a possible inconvenience may be the time it takes to complete the study. Participating in any study involves the risk that information you share could become public, but researchers will do their best to keep your information confidential.

**Benefits:** **You will not directly benefit from participation in this study.** By participating in this study, you will contribute to important research which has potential relevance for all middle and high school students and educators in the U.S.

**Incentive:** At the end of the study, each **classroom** will receive **\$500** and each **school** will receive an additional **\$500**. It will be up to your school administration as to how this incentive is delivered.

**Confidentiality:** All data will be kept in secured files and will be referred to by ID number. Everything you tell us is confidential—your name will not appear in research reports or in other public documents of any kind. All study data, including access to video and audio recordings, will be restricted to the researchers and will only be used for research purposes. These data will not be shared with anyone at your school and will not be used to evaluate your performance in any way.

**Future studies:** All personally identifying private information will be removed from the study data. The remaining study data could be used in future research or distributed to another investigator for future research without additional informed consent from you or your legally authorized representative.

**Participant's Rights:** If you have questions about this study, we will answer them clearly and to your satisfaction.

**Participation is Voluntary:** You may refuse to participate or discontinue at any time, with no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

**Questions, Concerns, or Complaints:** If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study, or feel that any harm has been done during the study, you can contact EDC's Human Protections Administrator at 1-800-225-4276 ext. 2971 or [HumanProtections@edc.org](mailto:HumanProtections@edc.org). You can ask questions about this research study by calling Joy Lorenzo Kennedy, Principal Investigator, at (212) 807- 4233.

Statement of Consent: I have read the summary above.

- ☐ Yes, I consent to participate in the study.
- ☐ No, I DO NOT consent and will not participate in the study.

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