## IMPROVING 8\textsuperscript{TH}-GRADERS’ UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL STUDIES

### PROJECT TIMELINE

All teachers class sections will be \textit{randomly assigned} to be a part of the treatment or comparison condition.

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<td><strong>Summer/fall 2021</strong></td>
<td>Attend 1 day of PD (exact scheduling based on school preference)</td>
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| **Early fall 2021** | Research team administers pretest (one 35-minute test)  
Teachers help collect student consent forms |
| **Fall 2021** | Teach Colonial America, Road to Revolution, and Revolutionary War units using PACT materials  
Receive instructional support from UT team |
| **Fall 2021** | Audio-record your lessons daily in \textit{two class periods} for \textit{two units} on a recording device provided by researchers |
| **After teaching Colonial America** | Attend a 1.5-hour booster session |
| **After teaching Revolutionary War** | Research team administers posttests (two 35-minute tests) |
| **9 weeks after posttest** | Research team administers a follow-up test (one 35-minute test) 9 weeks after teaching Revolutionary War |
**UT Austin Staff Members**

- Randomly assign class sections to condition in early fall 2021
- Provide teachers with 1 day of PD and one 1.5-hour booster session
- Cover the cost of substitutes so teachers can attend PD (if needed)
- Provide all project materials at no cost
- Provide a $500 stipend to all teachers
- Deliver a summative report to principals describing the success of the project at the school
- Provide reimbursement or payment for data culled from Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) database

**Teachers**

- Attend PD
- Work with researchers to distribute and collect student consent forms
- Deliver PACT instructional practices to some of their classes
- Allow for UT personnel to provide in-class coaching
- Record 8th-grade social studies instruction daily for two units in two classes (one treatment/one control) on a researcher-provided audio-recording device
- Allow administration of standardized assessments of social studies
- Knowledge and reading comprehension to students
- Complete brief surveys

**District Staff Members**

- Allow teachers to attend PD and implement the lesson plans
- Provide data from PEIMS database once at the end of the academic year

**Questions?**

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