

Deepening Discussions in the Online Classroom through Primary Source Analysis

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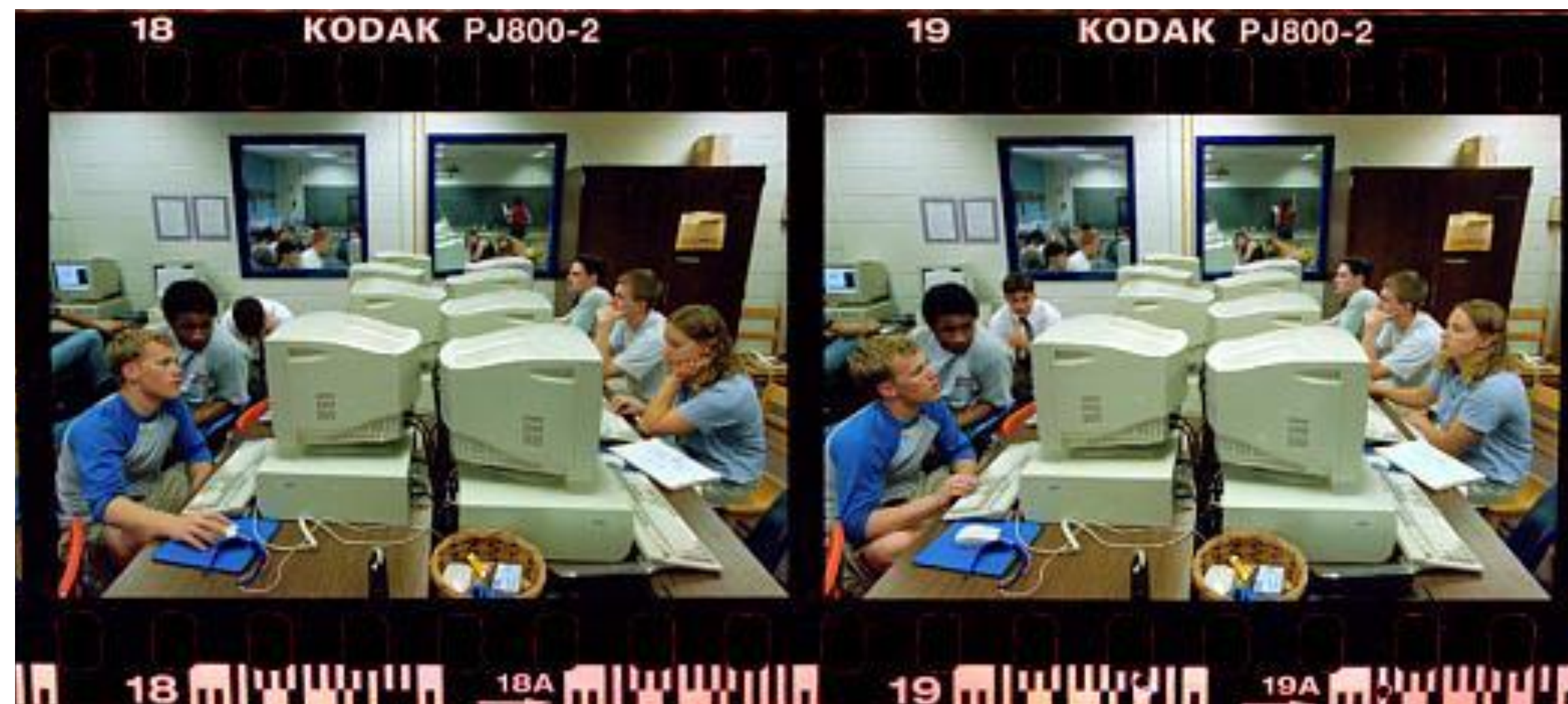
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Engaging online learners in primary-source analysis that increases their sense of connection to classmates, self, and U.S. History

Strategies and Methods

- **Curriculum Design:** Students experience weekly primary-source discussion lessons embedded within the curriculum
- **Professional Development:** Micro-credential to empower teachers to facilitate meaningful online discussions about primary sources
- **Instructional Implementation:** Data will illustrate student engagement and connection through discussions



Target Audience(s) and Focus Topic(s)

- VHS Learning serves over 18,000 student enrollments from over 600 partner schools in 45 states as well as independent and international enrollees
- Project lessons will be embedded in our newly-revised U.S. History curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year
- We actively seek development partners from the TPS consortium!
- Professional development micro-credential is offered to all 6,000+ certified VHS Learning teachers, with PDPs recognized by Massachusetts DESE.
- The discussion lessons, micro-credential, and data outcomes will be freely available to the public, including TPS Consortium members