

# THE SCALE-UP PACT LESSON MATERIALS

## Who developed the lesson plans?

Researchers at **The University of Texas at Austin** and **Florida State University** developed the lesson plans as part of a previously-funded Institute of Education Sciences study. In this study, students who received the P.A.C.T. instruction scored statistically higher than students who did not receive the P.A.C.T. instruction in three areas: content learning, content reading comprehension, and standardized reading comprehension.

Essential Word Colonial America

### colony

Land and communities controlled by a distant country



**Related Words:** *settlement, dependent*

**Example Usage:**  
American **colonies** were required to follow the laws of England. Because the **colonies** were so far away, these laws were difficult to enforce.

**Example:** *Rhode Island in 1670*  
**Nonexample:** *Rhode Island in 2013*

**Turn and Talk:**  
**Colonies** are dependent on their mother countries for safety and money. Who are you dependent on? Talk about a time when you wanted more independence from this person.

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## What will students learn?

The lesson plans cover three U.S. history units: **Colonial America**, **Road to Revolution**, and **Revolutionary War**. Each unit incorporates instruction on essential words, text reading, discussion, and team-based learning approaches. Students are actively engaged throughout each lesson.

## How long will it take to teach all the lessons?

Each unit consists of approximately 10 days worth of instruction. Generally, teachers are able to cover all three units within 8 weeks.

## What materials will teachers receive?

Each teacher will receive a lesson book, class sets of consumable student books, activity materials (posters, cue cards, games, etc.) and online access to additional readings. All materials will be provided at NO COST.

## Will teachers learn how to use the lesson materials?

Yes! Teachers will receive 2 days of professional development at the start of the project. After completing the first unit, teachers will receive one day of follow-up professional development. Teachers will receive Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits, and PD will be scheduled at a time convenient for schools.

## Will student learning be assessed?

The lesson materials contain brief, formative assessments and end-of-unit tests for teachers to assess students' mastery of content. In addition, researchers will collect data on students' reading comprehension and U.S. history content knowledge using standardized measures. Assessment results will be shared with schools at the end of the year.

## Can I view samples of the lesson materials?

Yes! Samples of the lesson plans and videos of the lessons in action can be viewed on our website: <https://www.meadowscenter.org/supact>

