

# Effective Research-Based Program to Build Students' Social Studies Knowledge and Text Comprehension

## What is PACT?

- ◆ Promoting Adolescents' Comprehension of Text (PACT) is a program that was designed to supplement existing American history courses and curriculum with evidence-based reading and literacy practices.
- ◆ PACT aims to improve literacy strategies in the context of social studies instruction, addressing three American history units (Colonial America, Road to Revolution, and Revolutionary War).
- ◆ PACT has been found to be effective with diverse learners, including English learners and students with and without disabilities and reading difficulties.
- ◆ In a number of prior federally-funded research studies, PACT shows prior evidence of effectiveness on social studies, reading, and literacy outcomes.<sup>1</sup>

## Who can participate in PACT-Local (PACT-L)?

- ◆ Districts that have schools teaching units related to Colonial America, Road to Revolution, and Revolutionary War in 6th-9th grade can participate in PACT-L.

## Benefits of Participation

### The PACT-Local program

- ◆ provides professional development,
- ◆ builds **local** capacity by training local coaches to support participating teachers,
- ◆ provides PACT program materials and professional development activities at no cost, and
- ◆ compensates educators for supporting data collection.

*"Students were able to understand content-related vocabulary within the context of primary source readings at a new level. As a result, their comprehension of the text and overall engagement in the learning increased."*

– 2021 Participating Educator

Email the PACT-L recruitment team at [pactlrecruitment@air.org](mailto:pactlrecruitment@air.org) to learn more about participating in this exciting opportunity, or contact one of our team members directly!

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