(mini) Podcast Project

Audio Tour of Historic Philadelphia at America's Founding
In Partnership with Teaching American History

Task: Explore Teaching American History's interactive map of historic Philadelphia during the Constitutional Convention. Then, choose one location on the map and create a short podcast episode in the style of an audio tour stop that explains the site's history and its significance to the nation's founding.

Instructions:

1. Explore the Interactive Map of Historic Philadelphia
2. Choose one location on the map that you believe is the most interesting or significant with regard to the nation's founding & write it in the box below.

Location:
Central Question: What role did this location play in the founding of the United States and/or the creation of the Constitution?

3. Then, follow the directions in the graphic organizers below to create your audio tour-style podcast episode that explains the significance of the site to listeners.

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Part 1: Close Reading & Vocabulary Study

Select your chosen location on the map and follow the directions in the table below.

Word Gaps *Read the information on the map about the site you chose. As you read, write down words that you don't know here:*	**Definitions** *Use a reliable source to define these terms in the context of the reading:*	**Patterns** *As you look at these words, do any topics or ideas connect them? What is the tone of these words?*

Analysis Look at the information you've amassed. What do these specific words tell you about what the writer is trying to say about the topic? Explain:

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Part 2: Paraphrasing

Exit out of the interactive map and follow the directions.

Rewrite the passage from the interactive map about your site with as much detail as you can from memory below.	How would you answer the central question (what role did this location play in the founding of the United States and/or the creation of the Constitution?) based on the information you have so far?

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Part 3: Gathering Additional Information

Return to the interactive map & use the information provided along with additional resources (like the internet) to fill in any information gaps that you have about your site.

Inquiry *Write at least two additional questions that you have about your site and its relationship to the nation's founding.* *Tip: Consider whose stories you might need to include when talking about the site along with additional context that would help the listener understand the period.*	**Notes** *Use the interactive map or additional resources provided by your instructor to answer your questions. Write your notes and responses here.* *Tip: Use quotation marks around anything that is not in your own words, and copy links for sources next to the information you include here.*
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Part 4: Write & Record!

Use all of the information you have collected to write the final script for your podcast episode audio-tour in the box below & record your episode. Remember that all of the information in your script should be written in your own words (except for primary source quotes) and that the episode should clearly and fully answer the prompt: What role did this location play in the founding of the United States and/or the creation of the Constitution?. Record your episode in a quiet space. Final recordings should be between 1-3 minutes long & shared in the space provided.

Location:
Episode Script:
Link to episode recording:

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