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[jdownes_tie](#) How to schedule project-based learning in the classroom <http://t.co/jpOjClq>
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Who Am I? A History Mystery game



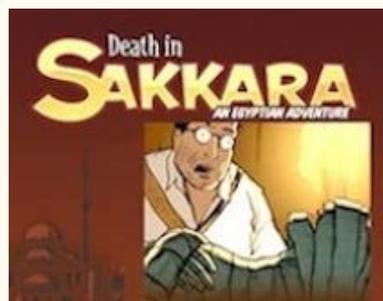
via Richard Byrnes' [Free Technology for Teachers](#):

"A fun and challenging activity from the Smithsonian's [The Price of Freedom](#) online exhibit, Who Am I? presents players with six historical characters that

they have to identify using the text and image clues provided. To solve the mystery players have to match the visual artifacts to each character."

Hands up everyone who got Dorothea Dix on the first guess...

More games about frontiers: [playinghistory.org](#)



[playinghistory.org](#) features user reviews, a searchable database, grade level recommendations and stills from 126 free history-based games.

Although US and Canadian history feature strongly on the site, the offerings also include games set during various time periods in Asia, Europe and

Central and South America.

Also notable are the variety of civics-based games, such as [Argument Wars](#), [The Redistricting Game](#), and one of the highest-ranked games on the site, [Do I Have a Right?](#), where players build and operate a Constitutional law firm specializing in the Bill of Rights.

Middle Grades Institute wrap-up

A huge thank you to all our educators, administrators, teaching staff and especially the students who made the 2011 Middle Grades Institute another wonderful experience.

See you all next year!

Coming Events:

July 2011:

7/7-7/8:
[Google Tools for VT Schools](#) (var. locations)

7/11,12,13:
[Google Tools for VT Schools](#) (var. locations)

7/26-28:
[Place and the Digital Native](#)
@ Hudson Park, NY

elearningvt.org



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Want to keep

Some other favorites:

[1066: The Game](#)

(England)

[Safe Harbor. Treacherous Seas](#)

(Vancouver, Canada)

[SOS History](#)

(Montreal, Canada)

[Watch the Birdie](#)

(Montreal, Canada)

[Inca Investigation](#)

(Huanuco Pampa, Ecuador)

[Discover Babylon](#)

(Mesopotamia)

For traditionalists, yes, there's even an [Oregon Trail](#) simulator. Scoring well with reviewers, it just goes to show the classics never die.

Quick quotes from the Middle Grades Institute

Digital Natives author Marc Prensky gave the keynote speech at the 2011 Middle Grades Institute, featuring a panel of students who were kind enough to take questions from the crowd.

Q: "What advice would you give your teachers for next year?"

Change the way you teach, every week. --Alex,
grade 8, Milton Middle School

Make it interesting, or we're just going to text our friends at our desks. --Kristen, grade 9,
Winooski Middle School

Tune in next week for a full wrap-up of the event. Until then, have a safe and happy July Fourth weekend!



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