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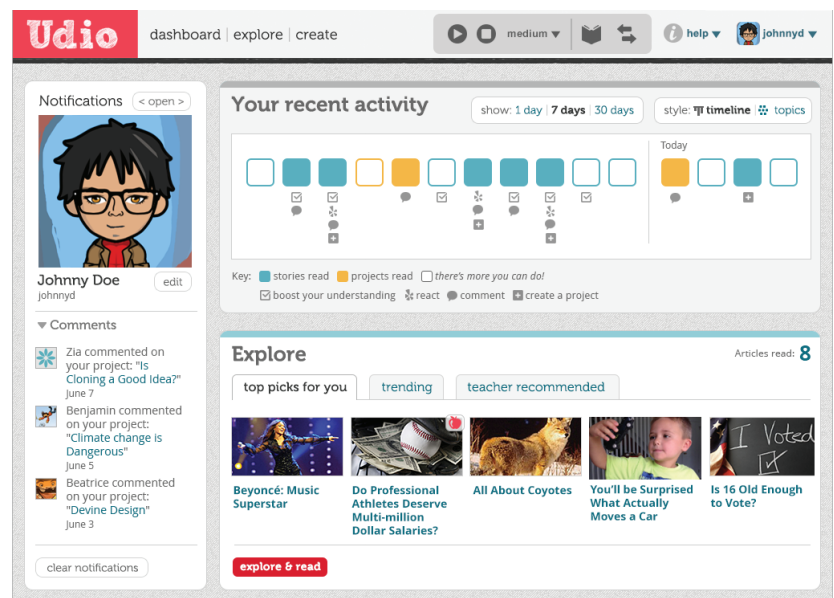


Participate in an innovative reading research project for middle school students.

Are you:

- A middle school resource or remedial reading teacher?
- Interested in participating in an exciting research opportunity with [CAST](#)?

CAST seeks school districts to participate in an efficacy research study during the 2015-16 academic year. Middle school remedial reading and resource room teachers in participating districts will use one of two versions of Udio, a new Universally Designed for Learning online reading program. Participating teachers and students will help us evaluate the program's effects on students' motivation and reading comprehension. Udio is aligned with college and career-ready standards, including the Common Core State Standards, and provides hundreds of stories for students to read. Participation in the research study involves using Udio as a supplemental reading tool in classrooms. Teachers and districts will receive stipends.



For more information about participating, email us at UDIO-Recruit@cast.org



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Anticipated Benefits:

- Use of Udio, a Universally Designed for Learning online environment to support engagement and reading comprehension of middle school students
- High-quality training in the use of Udio and the evidence-based practices on which it is based
- Teachers and districts will receive stipends
- Opportunity to participate in research study funded by the United States Department of Education

Anticipated Expectations:

- Use a version of Udio regularly throughout the study period
- Distribution and collection of letters through which parents provide informed consent for students to participate in the research study
- Administration of assessment measures at the beginning and conclusion of the research study
- Randomly selected teachers and students will participate in interviews
- Monthly classroom observations
- Teacher logs (weekly ~ 5 minutes to complete)

Technology Needs:

- Students have access to Udio on an individual computer (e.g., laptop, desktop, or Chromebook) at least 2 times each week for a total of one hour per week (e.g., 1/2 hour, two times per week). Note that Udio will not be available on tablet devices during this trial period.
- Internet connection
- Acceptable browsers include Google Chrome and Firefox

Participation Requirements:

- District administrators and teachers sign a non-binding letter of agreement
- Designate a school administrator or faculty for site coordination
- All participating teachers are volunteers
- All participating teachers are comfortable using technology
- All participating students will have their parents' permission
- Districts are prepared to assist in the provision of needed demographic information