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### Special Video Session to Explore a Virtual Adventure into American History

Teens and tweens across the country will soon experience American history as never before. **Mission US** will feature a series of free online games that will revolutionize the way social studies learning takes place in classrooms and homes throughout the United States.

Teachers, administrators, and others working in education can learn more about **Mission US** in an upcoming free session over the Iowa Communications Network (ICN).

Presented by personnel from the Iowa Department of Education and LAB@Thirteen, **Mission US: A Virtual Adventure into American History Workshop** will be presented September 24, 2010, from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM, through an Iowa Public Television's (IPTV) K-12 Connections special event.

**Mission US** is an innovative multimedia project designed to help middle school students learn about American History. It features free online interactive games covering events in U.S. history, and related web resources to support game play and classroom teaching. **Mission US** aims to stem the tide by reaching today's tech-savvy kids where they "live," inviting them to be "players" during pivotal eras in the country's past. To learn more about this study, go to: [Mission US Pilot Study Summary](#).

Curriculum coordinators, social studies educators, AEA staff, technology instructors, media specialists, librarians, before and after school care providers, adults working with teens and tweens are encouraged to attend this session. Register by September 19, 2010, for the session by going to [www.k12connections.iptv.org](http://www.k12connections.iptv.org) and click on the session title.

The ICN makes it possible for instructors and learners to participate in interactive learning opportunities in a cost-effective, efficient, and creative way. While providing support and resources for educators and students, ICN and IPTV are committed to the continued enhancement of distance learning. To find out more about the ICN, visit [www.icn.state.ia.us](http://www.icn.state.ia.us).

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