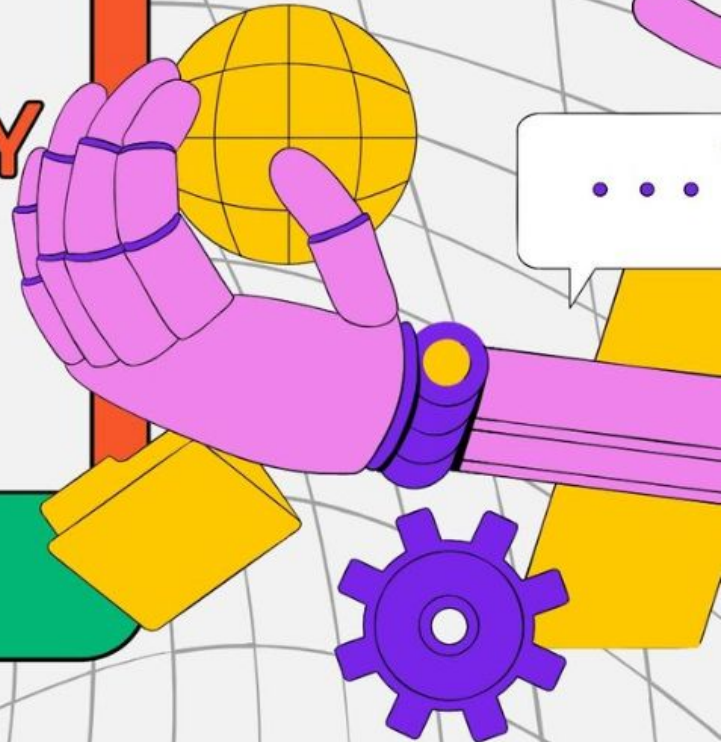


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VIRTUAL REALITY
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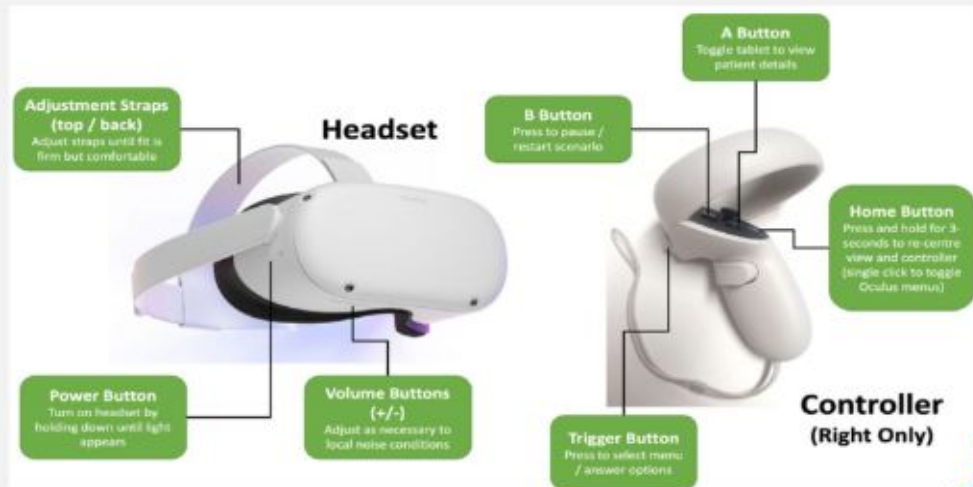


AN INTRODUCTION

In virtual reality, a simulated 3D environment enables users to explore and interact with a virtual surrounding in a way that feels like reality.

We have been utilizing 6 Meta Quest 2 headsets, secured through a grant from The Madison Foundation.

Approximately 90% of our 7th graders have used VR in the past or own a headset at home.





MY OBJECTIVES

Identify educational apps that align with our curriculum.

Collaborate with teachers.

Provide students with opportunities to synthesize VR experiences with classroom learning.

APPS WE'VE EXPLORED



01 **Eva Kor
Holocaust
Experience**

02 **Flow
Meditation**

03 **Art Plunge**

EVA KOR HOLOCAUST EXPERIENCE

A 360-degree tour of four pivotal locations at Auschwitz.
Survivor Eva Kor shares her haunting memories of each
location.



The Eva Experience

VIRTUAL REALITY EXHIBIT

Eva

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EVA KOR WITH 7TH GRADE SS

1



Collaborated with SS teachers to review standards & objectives of unit.
Sent e-notify to parents informing them of upcoming optional VR experience.

2



Provided students with objective & instructions and embarked on VR journey.

3



Debriefed experience and new learning with students.

4



Refined questions and assessment opportunities with teachers.

February 2025





Student Comments:

"I got a sense of how unsanitary it really was, even the area for the twins. In the pictures from class, the blood lab looked nicer, like a hospital. I thought there would be more medical gear, but it was really just syringes."

"Seeing it in color makes it feel very real. You know it happened, but the color makes you realize it."

"Even the VR makes you feel helpless like they did, because you can't move around, you have no free will."

"I was surprised they haven't found out what's in the vials they were injecting the twins with. If one of the most famous survivors wants to know what was in it, they have the right to know."

"How did human beings do this to other human beings?"

"How could you be at peace with yourself knowing you did this to another person?"

FLOW

Choose 4-minute or 8-minute guided meditation sessions
in Icelandic nature scenes.

“I feel so much calmer, like I’m ready to take a nap.”

“VR helps you go to different worlds. When you’re having a stressed day, you can feel better.”



ART PLUNGE

Step inside famous paintings and the scenes come alive around you.

Paintings include:

Girl Reading a Letter at an Open Window,

Mona Lisa,

Starry Night,

The Birth of Venus,

and The Creation of Adam



[Link](#) to Art Plunge video