

## Trap!t Education: Package Introduction

Package Contents (available in MS Office 2010/2011 and PDF formats):

- Package Introduction (this document)
- Presentation for Educators (on using Trap!t Education in your classroom)
- Broad Content Outline (condensed summary of CCSSI goals)
- Lesson Plans & Assignments (four, total, of each)
- Feedback Form (to better serve the needs of educators and students)

Welcome to Trap!t Education, an exciting, cutting-edge way to incorporate digital learning and real-time news & research into your classroom!

With the new Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) setting new, specific standards for reading, writing, speaking & listening and language, it is vital that students expand their horizons beyond traditional news, media, and research methods, and Trap!t Education was designed with that in mind. By combining customizable, active-engagement lesson plans with Trap!t's personalized news service, classrooms that adopt Trap!t Education have an unprecedented opportunity to not only meet the new CCSSI goals, but also to empower students to develop and pursue their own intellectual passions.

To help you get the most utility out of using Trap!t as a digital learning tool in your classroom, we've created a series of resources for educators as a part of this package. The **Presentation for Educators** details some of the new challenges facing educators with the CCSSI, how Trap!t's technology uniquely addresses some of these needs, and offers a tutorial on how to incorporate Trap!t as part of a superior curriculum. The **Broad Content Outline** is an ultra-condensed, efficient 2-page summary of the (grades 9-12) goals of the CCSSI across all major subjects, including annotations as to which objectives Trap!t's technology are best-suited to address. The **Lesson Plans & Assignments** are expertly-designed ideas focused around active engagement, to help your students get the most rewarding experience for their efforts.

It is highly recommended that students be introduced to Trap!t through the **Researcher** lesson plan and assignment, a short-term lesson that provides students with the necessary scaffolding to complete more complex tasks and assignments down the road. More sophisticated lessons recommended afterwards include the **Newsbreakers** lesson plan and assignment, highly recommended for English, Humanities, and Technology classrooms, and the **Confirmation Bias** lesson plan and assignment, highly recommended for science, health, and social studies classrooms. (Both the **Newsbreakers** and **Confirmation Bias** lessons make excellent student projects.) Also included is a **General** suggested lesson plan and

assignment for instructors that prefer to create and customize their own lessons from scratch.

Finally, we have included a **Feedback Form**, where instructors are strongly encouraged to provide feedback on their experiences using Trap!t in their classroom, along with any suggestions for possible improvements in the lessons or in Trap!t itself. Thank you for choosing Trap!t Education!