

Reacting to the Past, Student Collaboration, and Assessing Experiential Learning

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What is Reacting to the Past?

Mark Carnes has written a book, *Minds on Fire*, that describes this pedagogy in detail. This video shows the faculty perspective of Reacting to the Past games.

<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674984097>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnpE2MQqNXo>

Is it a Reacting to the Past game?

The form for submitting reacting game concepts lists the required and common elements of these games.

<https://goo.gl/RR2Qih>

What reacting games are published?

Norton publishes most of these games under the title “Reacting to the Past.” The Reacting Consortium Press also publishes games that have completed the review process but are targeted at smaller markets.

<http://books.wwnorton.com/books/reactingpast.aspx>

<https://www.uncpress.org/distributed-press/reacting-consortium-press/>

What reacting games are being developed?

A full list of reacting games, from mere concepts to published ones, can be found in the Big List of Reacting Games (the BLOG).

<https://goo.gl/EfhMfi>

Where can non-published games be found?

Many games that are mostly complete and in need of review can be downloaded from the Reacting Consortium Library. Others can be provided by the game authors.

www.reactingsconsortiumlibrary.org [Instructor Account Required]

How are students graded in these games?

Examples of rubrics for grading student speeches, papers, and debate can be found in the Reacting Consortium Library’s section on Sample Materials for Instructors.

<http://reactingsconsortiumlibrary.org/node/52> [Instructor Account Required]

What assessment has been done on these games?

Eddie Watson and Chase Hagood have written a book where each chapter describes various assessments of Reacting to the Past.

<https://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9783319617466>

What about the “experiential assessment” and “epic finales” you discussed?

You can read more about experiential assessment in a paper Anthony Weston and I wrote and more on epic finales in an article for *The Chronicle*.

<http://access.portico.org/stable?au=pgg3ztfbs8j>

<https://www.chronicle.com/article/Final-Exams-or-Epic-Finales/231871>