Project Score FAQ

What is Project Score?
Project Score is an OER Project writing extension that can be used to support social studies writing instruction in a wide variety of classrooms. Generally designed for sixth- through twelfth-grade students, Project Score provides a set of writing activities that have a “choose your own adventure” feel, allowing you to make instructional choices based on where your students could use extra writing support.

What grade levels is Project Score appropriate for?
Project Score is ideal for sixth- through twelfth-grade students.

I’ve seen references to “Score” in some places on the site, and “Project Score” in others. Is there a difference?
Score is an automated essay-scoring tool available in WHP and BHP that can help students significantly improve their writing by giving them frequent, consistent feedback. Teachers can spend less time grading, and more time providing individualized writing instruction. Score uses the Revision Assistant machine scoring engine from Turnitin. It’s been “trained” against the OER Project Writing Rubric. So, rather than waiting days or weeks for results, students get immediate feedback that helps them understand and implement the expectations of the rubric as they write.

Project Score is a set of activities that provide specific rubric-based strategies to address particular aspects of writing. In addition to the rubric-based strategies, you and your students are given access to the Score tool.
What is a “course extension”?

Big History Project and World History Project are intended to be full-year or semester-length courses. Our course extensions, like Project Score, are designed for teachers who wish to use some of our materials as part of their existing curriculum. Project Score can be taught as writing intensive standalone module, or you can weave the assignments into your curriculum throughout the year.

Our Project Score Guide gives a useful overview of the rubrics and activities used in the course extension.

Can I use Project Score with BHP/WHP?

Writing assessments are available in Score in both BHP and WHP, and both courses feature a specific writing progression. However, you are more than welcome to incorporate the warm-up/revision activities, and related tools into your instruction if you would like!

Whom should I reach out to if I have questions about Project Score?

You can email us at help@oerproject.com if you have any further questions! We’ll make sure you get the information you need.