

Background

ALPHA Education is an educational NGO, non-profit, and registered charity based out of Canada. The goal of this organization is to promote peace, social justice, and humanity through encouraging the remembrance and research of World War II Asian history.



Goals

Our goal for this project was to complete historical research in order to create educational materials that ALPHA Education will be able to use in their classrooms. We were asked to create two separate resources that would cover different topics.

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Project and Results

We researched several survivor stories of Asian women who were forced to be comfort women for the Japanese army during World War II.

These stories explored the women's background, how they were taken by the Japanese army, the atrocities they faced, and the lack of justice they have had to bear thereon.



Use this barcode to view their stories, as illustrated on Google Earth:



We created a three-page poster about the Tokyo Trials that happened during the World War II.

The first poster provided general information and the causation of the Tokyo Trials as well as countries that were involved in it. The second poster dived deeper into introducing three Asian judges who played significant roles in the Tokyo Trials. The last poster reexamined the Tokyo Trials from the World's perspective nowadays and posted discussion questions for the viewers to consider.



Impact

ALPHA Education will be able to use the educational materials we have created in their classrooms to help continue education for the youth. ALPHA will also be able to continue building on these resources with other volunteers in the future.



Reflection

Building the poster on the Tokyo Trials and the Google Earth Presentation on the stories of the comfort women has allows students the opportunity to learn about the adversity and experiences of people from various Asian nations. With the Tokyo Trials, self determination presented itself in India and the Philippines. Comfort women, who long remained silenced also had to fight to have their voices heard, and they still do today.