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# **CG 2 and ALPHA Education**

Our 3 Projects:



# Organization Mission and Methods

- ALPHA Education is a non-profit organization based in Toronto, Canada working to increase awareness of forgotten aspects of World War II history in Asia and promote critical inquiry to contribute to strengthening peace and reconciliation. They do this in four key ways:
  - o Engaging educators and student
  - Supporting research
  - Empowering youth
  - o Connecting with the community

#### Project 2



### **Project 3**



#### Project I: Museum

- Our group produced a digital timeline and other resources that recount different activist efforts in response to chemical and biological attacks in China during World War II.
- These resources will be a part of a digital component that corresponds to different
  galleries within the museum. Attendees will be able to access these on their phone
  in the museum walk-through via QR code. Our work will be featured at the end of
  the exhibits in the Biochemical Warfare and Human Experimentation gallery

## **Project 2: Google Earth Statues of Peace**

- The goal of this project is to **highlight the strength of the resistance of women** who were victims of the "comfort women" tragedy that occurred during World War II.
- With the first statue of peace raised in Seoul, Korea, many more since then have been built to honor the women who suffered, and to ensure that such atrocities do not occur again.
- Through education about the various statues of peace raised to honor the memory of the women, it is the hope that the wider public will learn the stories behind these women, which is missing from many history curricula in schools around the world.

#### Project 3: Google Earth Testimonies of the "Comfort Women"

- This project details the experiences of multiple women who suffered the trauma
  of being "comfort women" for the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II
- The goal of this project is to exemplify the deep-rooted impact of WWII in Asia
  using the real stories of "comfort women" who were captured and brutalized by the
  Japanese Imperial Army during World War II.
- The "comfort women" were abused, raped, tortured, and even brutally murdered.
   Many of them died from the extensive injuries and venereal diseases they contracted from being raped repeatedly.
  - Even after being released, several of them experienced infertility and life-long medical and psychological problems
  - $\circ$  They had to endure difficulties from being outcasted and shamed by the society.

#### Project I





#### **Takeaways**

- Being empowered to help expose suffering -Chris
- Discovering the important work and impact of activists -Mia
- Impressed by the courage that the victims have to speak up in the public.- Amv
- Bringing light to historical events that I otherwise would have never learned about in the American school system. -Laura
- I enjoyed being able to engage with history from a different perspective, and contribute to presenting history in a new light.
   Ryan
- It was nice to study historical perspectives without the Eurocentric lens that is prevalent in many educational systems around the world. -Madelyn
- I learnt a lot about the history of World War 2 and it was an engaging and educational internship -Rashmi
- I was able to acquire greater insight into World War II because of this GEI Internship opportunity. -Quanzhi