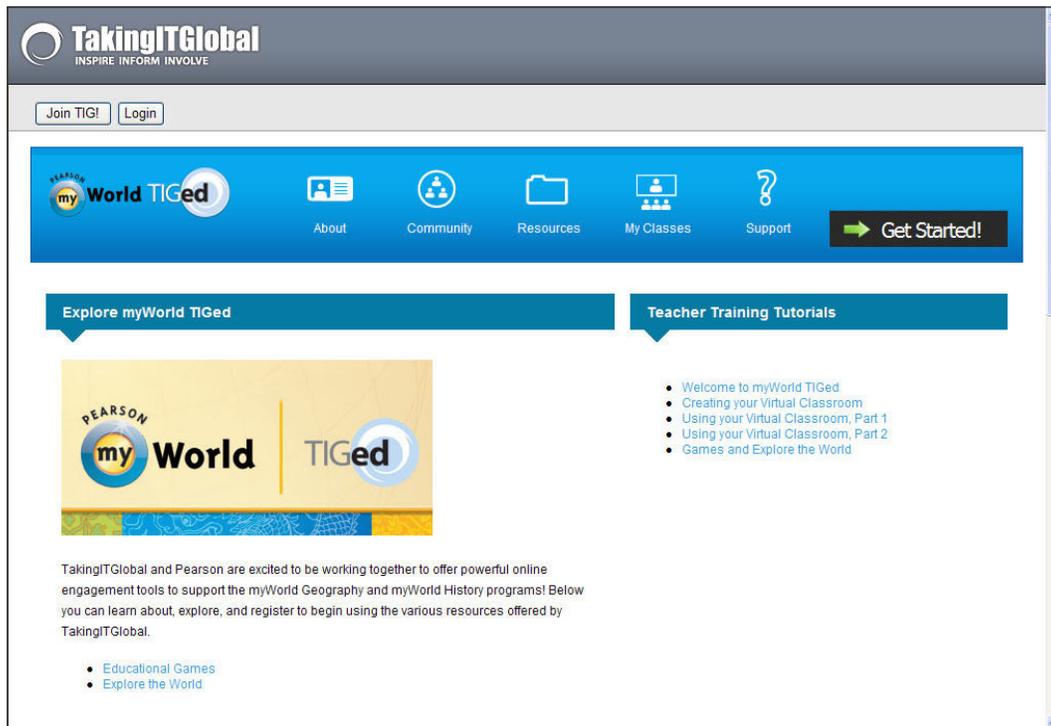# myWorld TIGed

What are TIG, TIGed, and myWorld TIGed?

TakingITGlobal, or TIG, is the world's most popular online community for young global leaders. As educators sought to integrate the TIG action-based learning into their classes, TakingITGlobal for Educators was developed. TIGed is a community of globally minded educators interested in empowering their students to think, act, and contribute to a better global community. It provides a global community where educators can access a collection of educational resources that facilitate the inclusion of global perspectives in the classroom. The virtual classroom feature of the program also allows students to use collaborative technology to connect with people from around the world.

myWorld TIGed is a customized version of TIGed that helps teachers and students explore the Essential Questions and 21st Century Learning Activities found in myWorld History. With myWorld TIGed, students can connect to different cultures and people, experience the world in new ways, and understand the key ideas of world history. Educators can access myWorld TIGed through a link on the digital path of myWorld History on Pearson SuccessNet Plus.
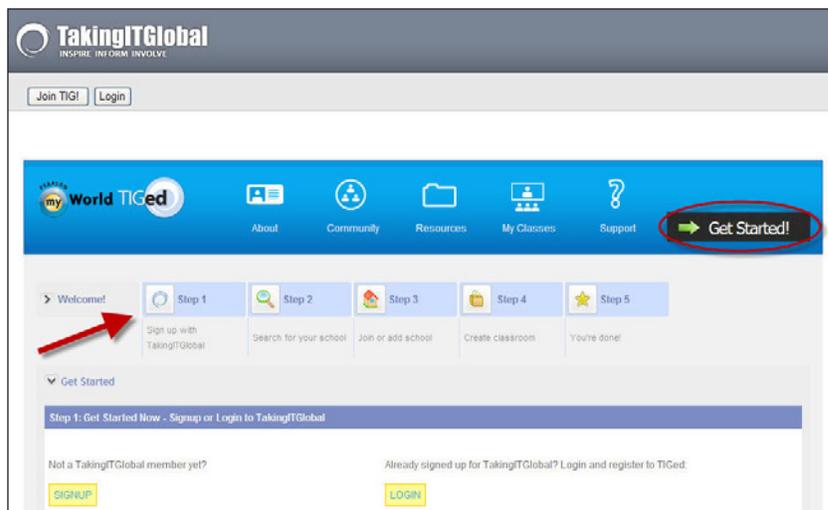
This guide provides additional background on myWorld TIGed, how to use it, and what it has to offer both teachers and students.
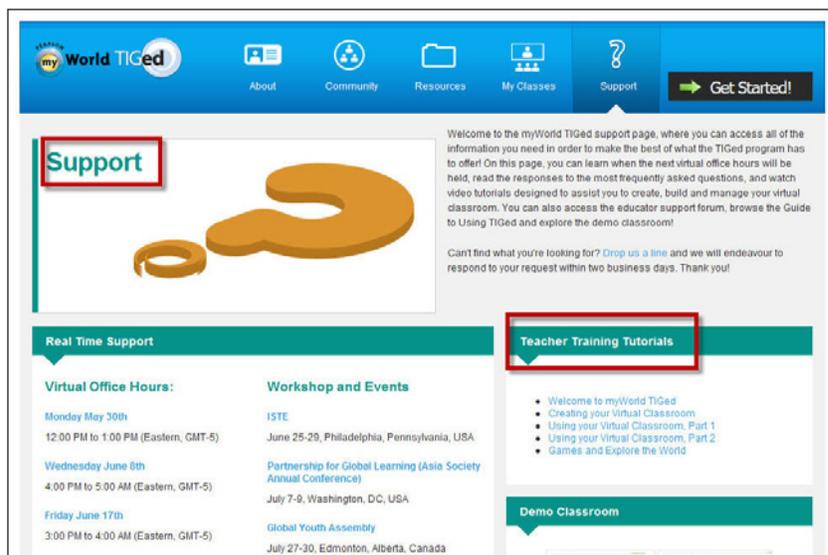
Joining the myWorld TIGed Community

To join myWorld TIGed, begin by clicking on "Get Started!" within the navigation bar at the top of the home page on the myWorld TIGed site. The following steps set up your account: Sign up to become a TIG member and complete the registration process for TakingITGlobal. org or log in to the site and move on to the next step.

Find the school you wish to register in the myWorld TIGed database of schools, or set up the school in the program. If the school is already set up, enter the registration code received with the myWorld History SuccessNet Plus online course to authorize use of myWorld TIGed. Create a school or register. Enter basic school information. The first teacher to set up a school will be the administrator and will receive requests for the "school signup code" from other teachers who are interested in joining. Once the school has been set up, the administrator status can be given to another individual. Then, basic preferences, including screen name used to interact with students is set, and the program is ready to use.

For more information on setting your myWorld TIGed account, watch the Teacher Training Tutorials.

Participating in the TIGed Community

myWorld TIGed offers the ability to collaborate with other myWorld teachers, as well as with educators who are part of the broader TIGed community. A discussion forum in the program allows teachers to share successes, challenges, strategies, and ideas with respect to integrating technology and global perspectives into education. The program also provides a collaboration database of educators interested in forming learning partnerships with other myWorld History classrooms and classrooms around the world.

myWorld TIGed Community Search

The myWorld TIGed Community Search was designed to facilitate connections between teachers. This feature provides the option to search for teachers, classes, or schools. By default, only myWorld users are shown in search results, but the results can be expanded to include all TIGed users around the world.

TIGed Lounge

The TIGed Lounge is a space for members of the TIGed community to network, discuss teaching experiences and strategies, and share resources to contribute to collaborative learning and global education. The lounge is open to all teachers and is accessible from the TIGed Community Page

Reading and Sharing Educator Stories

Educator stories are accounts of individuals in education who are helping their students to build a better world with the help of TIGed. When they are logged into the program, teachers can submit their own educator story on the Community page. To do this, click "Submit Your Story" under the red "Educator Stories" tab on the Community page and follow the guidelines and instructions provided on this page.

myWorld TIGed News

News from TIGed is a newsletter containing information about special events, conferences, and additional information about TIGed. Past issues of the newsletter can also be viewed online on the Community page.
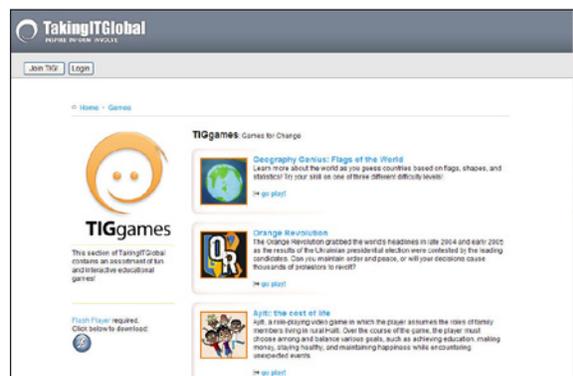
myWorld TIGed Resources

myWorld TIGed Resources provide powerful online engagement tools, such as games, Internet safety resources, best practices guide, and teacher tutorials that help support the myWorld History program.

Activities Database

The TIGed Activities Database is a resource created by teachers, for teachers. The database provides methods to infuse myWorld TIGed into teaching in ways that meet local curriculum standards. TIGed staff, partners, and educators from around the world have contributed classroom-tested activities and lesson plans. To learn more about how to search the Activities Database and import activities into virtual classrooms, find the myWorld TIGed Users Guide on SuccessNet Plus. These activities and lesson plans can be added to any of the myWorld TIGed virtual classrooms.

Best Practices in Global Education and Collaborative Technologies

Making the Connection--Best Practices in Global Education and Collaborative Technologies is a TakingITGlobal publication that showcases the ways in which TIGed has been successfully used by other educators. It gives best practices and lessons learned by teachers, schools, districts, and other organizations that are creating new projects on the forefront of global education and educational technology. This best-practices publication can be downloaded as a PDF and printed. The online version also contains podcasts that are contributed by educators.

myWorld TIGed Virtual Classrooms

myWorld TIGed also offers teachers the ability to create and manage advertising-free virtual classrooms through which student can use various online tools. Teachers can monitor and edit students' online postings and activities to ensure that students are working in a safe and private environment. Available tools include blogs, maps, digital image galleries, discussion boards, online file space, and more. For more information about setting up a school and creating a classroom, please refer to the myWorld TIGed Users Guide or look for the Teacher Training Tutorials online on the myWorld TIGed site.

Support

myWorld TIGed offers the Support page where additional information is provided to help make the program successful. These support features include virtual office hours provided by a TIGed representative, frequently asked questions, and video tutorials designed to assist in creating, building, and managing the virtual classroom.

For more information about myWorld History, please visit the tutorials and the guides on this Web site.