



VIRTUAL STUDENT WORKSHOPS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Our school is physically closed. Can we connect with SPY if all students are in a different location?

Absolutely! The great thing about videoconferencing is that all you need to do is provide your students with the Zoom link we send you and they can connect into the virtual workshop!

Can only schools book a SPY virtual workshop?

No - we are happy to do our programs for friend groups, libraries, clubs. If you are interested, then we are game!

What if my school is currently doing hybrid learning? Can we still do a workshop?

Yes! We can accommodate one physical classroom and any students who are learning virtually.

What security measures do you have in place for your Zoom room?

For each virtual workshop, the Museum creates a unique Zoom room link just for that class. We include a unique, private password and enable the “waiting room” feature. We will send a URL link (with password information) to the lead teacher who can then share it with students. We recommend not posting the link on social media. At the start of the program, we will let the teacher/leader into the Zoom room and then allow them to let the students in.

My school district does not allow us to use Zoom. Can we use our school’s videoconference?

Yes – just send the SPY educators (educators@spymuseum.org) the link or information to connect into your classes virtual room and make us the “co-host” or “presenter.” We are familiar with Google Meet, GoToMeeting, and Microsoft Teams but are happy to use any platform if we can share our screen.

What is the format of a SPY virtual workshop?

Our virtual programs are interactive and highly conversational. SPY educators encourage active participation and we do our best to ensure that all students interact. Even though participants might not be physically in the same room, we try and allow for as much discussion as possible. We also leave time at the end of each program for questions and dialogue.

What are teachers saying about SPY’s virtual workshops?

- Thank you so much for the wonderful workshop experience! Our students (teachers and parents too) really enjoyed it and we learned a lot. It is so great that [SPY] can still do things like this even while we are social distancing! – *5th grade teacher from Frederick, MD*
- I just wanted to say thank you for the Spy School program yesterday! The kids were super engaged, and I appreciate how well you managed everything! We even got non-solicited positive feedback from families. – *8th grade teacher from San Jose, CA*
- We thought it was the best virtual program that we have had for our grade level. I would highly recommend it to others! – *high school history teacher, Little Falls, NJ*