

Beginner's Guide to the **History Hangouts** Discord Channel

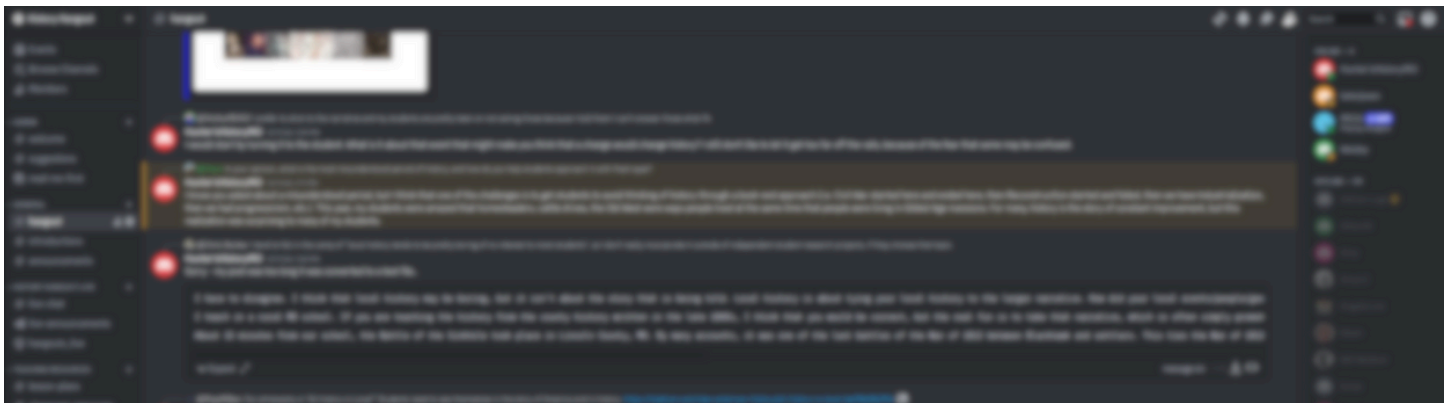


We're so glad you're interested in the History Hangouts Discord!
Here's everything you need to get started.

Key features

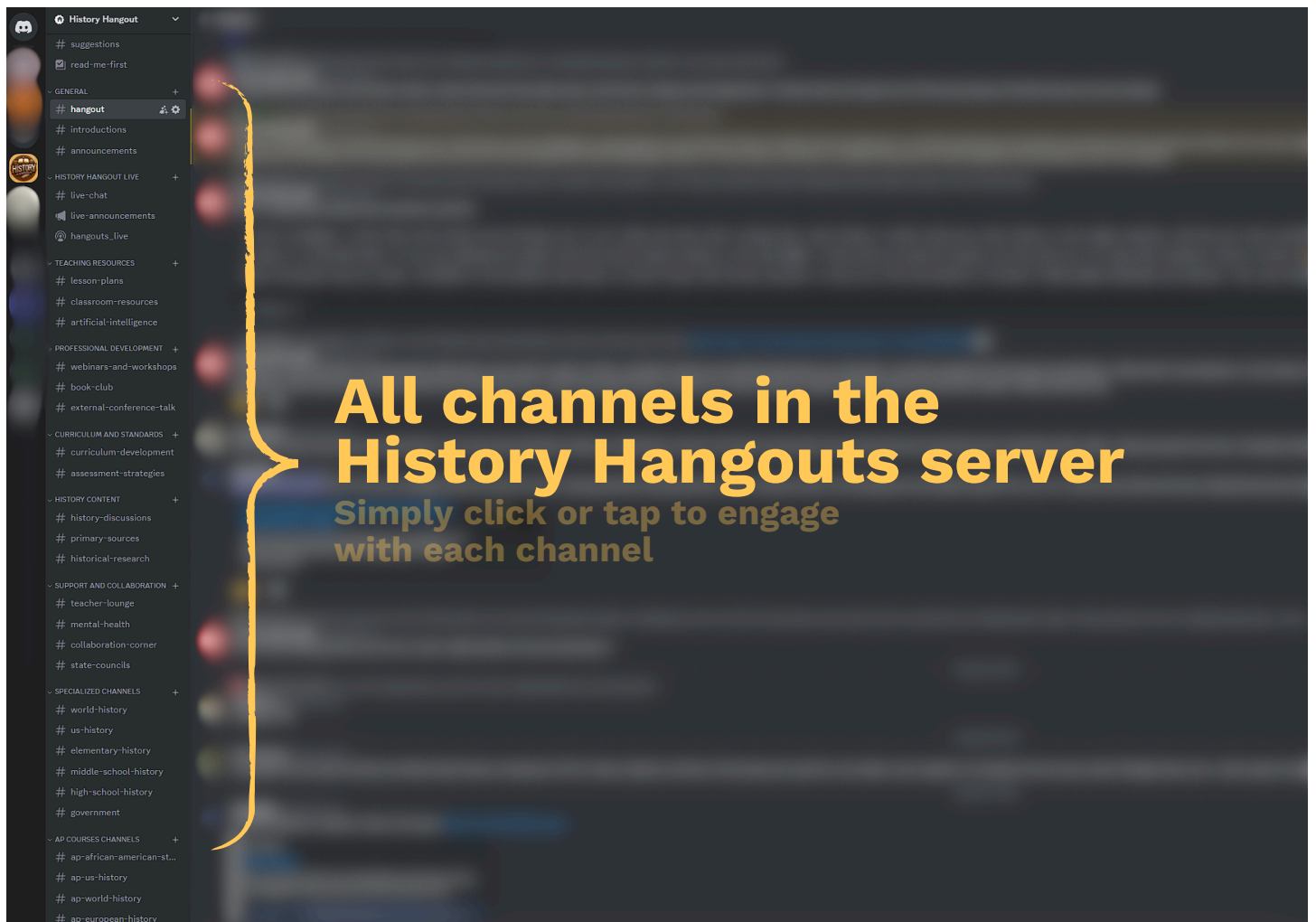
What is a server?

Discord gives you the power to join (or create!) an invite-only home for your friends or community - a place where you can connect. **Our server is a space for history educators to connect, share resources, and collaborate.** We highly suggest you use Discord on a computer instead of a phone. All instructions here are for computer usage.



Using the server

- **Channels:** Spaces for engaging with others, either over text or with audio (and optionally video). The entire left column of the screen is the full list of channels. We only use **Text Channels** and **Stages**, which we will discuss below.



- **Text Channels:** Organized spaces for typed discussions on specific topics.

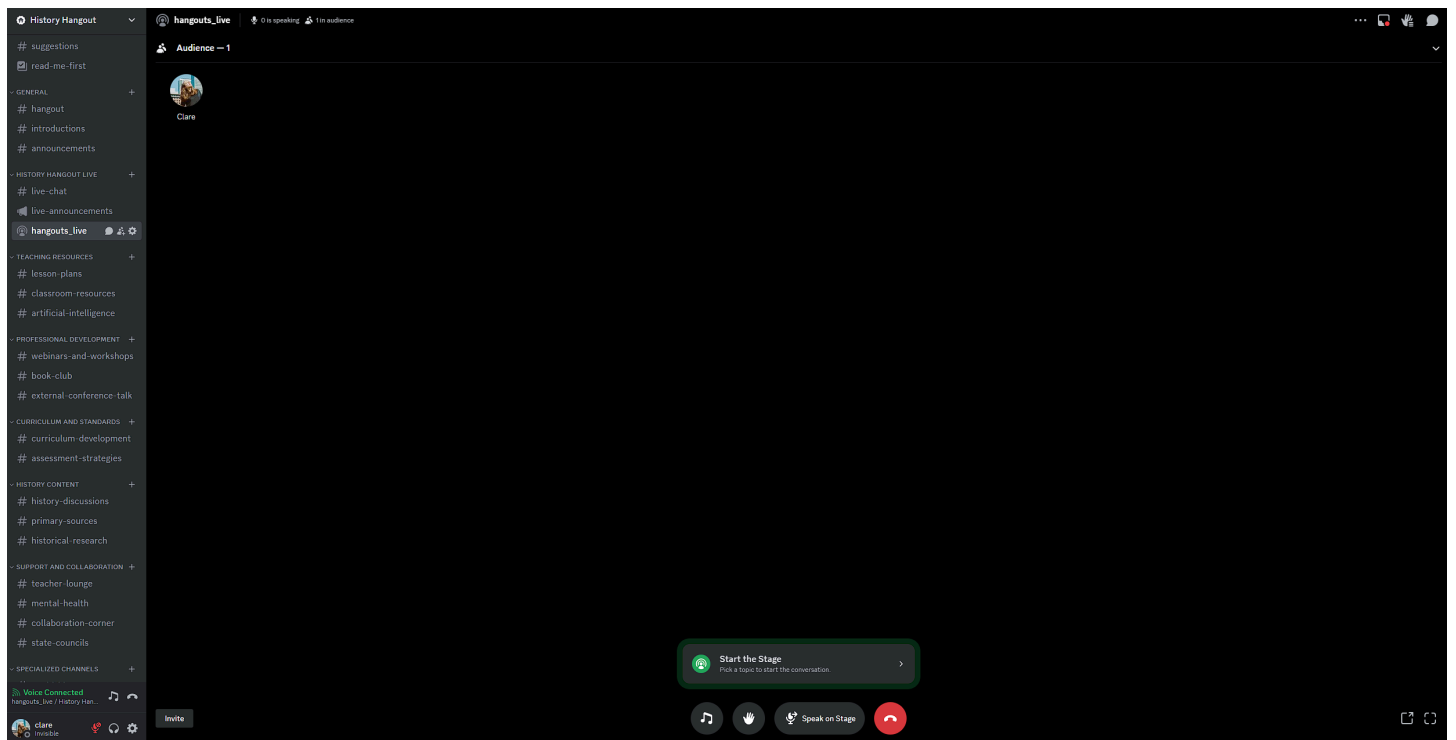
Our Discord server features a wide array of text channels, with topics ranging from curriculum development and trivia to professional development and artificial intelligence. **Mostly, we use the “hangout” channel,** pictured here.

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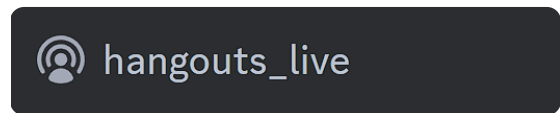
To join the conversation, simply click or tap on the topic you’d like to discuss.

Our fellow History Hangouts users would love to hear from you. Introduce yourself in the “#hangout” channel so we can get to know you!

- **Stages:** A dedicated space for holding events.



Our events will happen on the “hangouts_live” stage. When it is time for the event to begin, click or tap on the “hangouts_live” channel to enter the conversation.

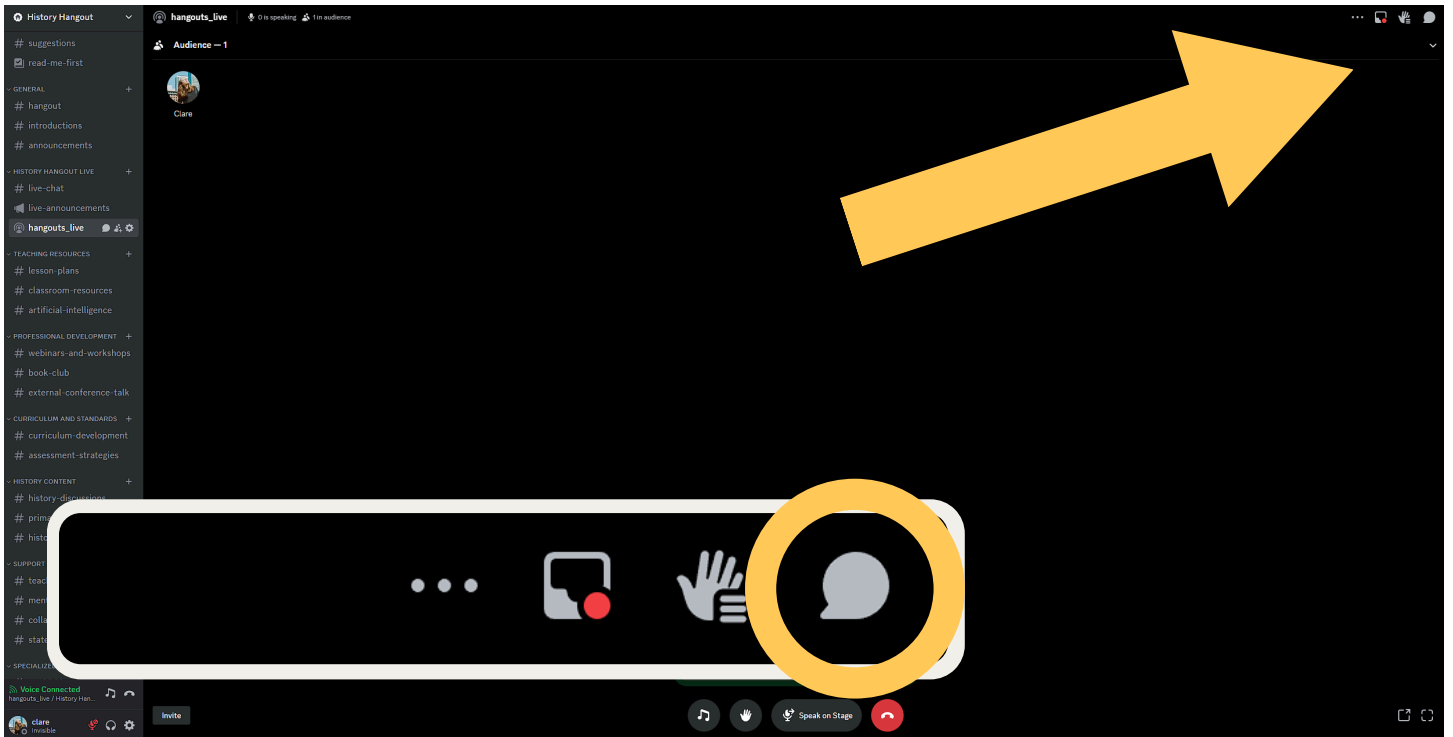


During the event, you will not be seen or heard unless you raise your hand. If you are elevated to the stage, you will have the option of turning your microphone and camera on. If you would like to speak, please make sure you are in a quiet space where we can hear you.

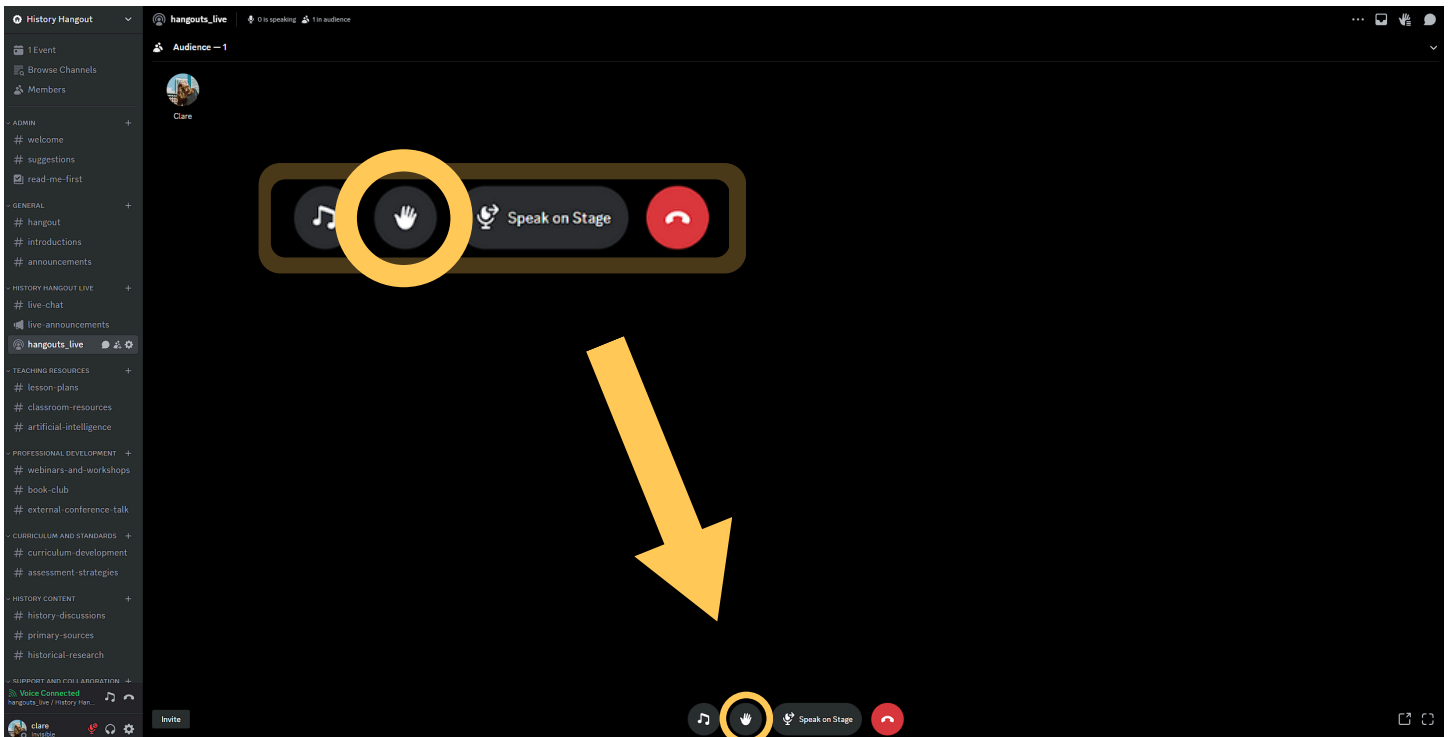


Before the event begins, click on the gear option, next to your name and below the channel list. Here, you can adjust your audio and video settings. [Learn more about this here.](#)

During the event, you will have the option of engaging with fellow event attendees in the live chat. You can find the chat **here**.



As previously noted, to engage on stage participants will need to raise their hand. Raise your hand by clicking **here**.



Troubleshooting

- Adjust voice/video settings via User Settings > Voice and Video.
- Enable Krisp Noise Suppression to minimize background noise.
- **If you have any issues, please email our Communications Coordinator Clare at clare@ncheteach.org**