



Runoko Rashidi Institute (RRI) Adopt-A-Classroom Program Program Overview

The Runoko Rashidi Institute (RRI) Adopt-A-Classroom Program was established to continue the life's work and legacy of Dr. Runoko Rashidi by centering youth education and mentorship. The program introduces students to Dr. Rashidi as a renowned historian, scholar, and global traveler whose work profoundly shaped the study and understanding of Global African History.

Through this initiative, RRI seeks to inspire young people by exposing them to Dr. Rashidi's scholarship, worldview, and lifelong commitment to the uplift of African people worldwide.

Program Goal

The primary goal of the Adopt-A-Classroom Program is to instill in students an appreciation for Dr. Runoko Rashidi's intellectual contributions, his dedication to African-centered scholarship, and his lasting impact on Global African History. The program aims to broaden students' historical awareness, cultural understanding, and educational aspirations.

Program Focus

The Adopt-A-Classroom Program is grounded in education and mentorship and aligns directly with the educational mission of the Runoko Rashidi Institute. RRI partners with classroom teachers and instructors to provide both financial support and meaningful educational engagement.

As part of this program:

- **Financial Support**
RRI provides a donation of **\$500** to the participating classroom teacher or instructor. These funds are intended to support classroom needs, including educational materials, school supplies, and other resources that directly benefit students.

- **Mentorship and Educational Engagement**

RRI works collaboratively with the teacher or instructor to identify specific needs and opportunities within the classroom. Based on those needs, RRI offers mentorship and educational support, which may include:

- Guest speakers aligned with curriculum or cultural themes
- Project-based learning activities
- College and educational pathway discussions

Commitment Duration

- The Adopt-A-Classroom Program is structured as a **one-semester commitment**.
- During this period, RRI remains engaged with the classroom to ensure that both financial resources and mentorship support are effectively implemented.