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HISTORY TEACHERS THROUGH DIGITAL RESOURCES****Farkhod Ulugbekovich Djumaniyazov***Doctoral student of Samarkand Agroinnovations and Research Institute**E-mail address: djumaniyazovfarhod@gmail.com**Samarkand, Uzbekistan***ABOUT ARTICLE**

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Abstract: The article investigates the pedagogical problem of improving the analytical and reflective activity of future history teachers through the purposeful use of digital resources in higher education. The study focuses on the didactic potential of digital history, electronic archives, interactive maps, virtual museums, multimedia materials, learning management systems and other educational platforms. Analytical activity is interpreted as the ability of students to work with historical sources, verify their reliability, compare different interpretations, identify cause-and-effect relations, and formulate evidence-based conclusions. Reflective activity is considered as the student's capacity to understand his or her own learning process, evaluate the effectiveness of selected sources and digital tools, recognize difficulties, and plan further professional growth. The article substantiates a methodological mechanism that includes the creation of a problem-based learning situation, selection and verification of digital sources, analytical processing of information, interpretation of historical data, and reflective assessment of the obtained results. The research also emphasizes that digital resources should not be reduced to illustrative materials only; rather, they should become instruments for developing historical thinking, information literacy, media literacy, metacognitive skills and

professional self-improvement. The conclusion argues that the integration of analysis and reflection in digital history education is a significant condition for preparing competent, critical and innovative history teachers.

Introduction. The digital transformation of education has become one of the most influential factors in the modernization of teacher training. In the context of higher pedagogical education, this transformation is not limited to the introduction of computers, projectors or online platforms. It requires a deeper methodological renewal: the learning process must teach future teachers how to search, evaluate, interpret and pedagogically transform information in a digital environment. This requirement is especially important for history education, because historical information is widely circulated on the Internet in different forms, formats and ideological interpretations. A future history teacher must therefore be able not only to find information, but also to determine its origin, reliability, purpose, context and educational value.

History as an academic subject has a specific epistemological nature. It deals with facts, documents, memories, narratives, images, maps and interpretations that may contradict one another. In the traditional classroom, students often received historical knowledge through a textbook and a teacher's explanation. In the digital environment, however, students face a much wider information space: electronic libraries, digitized archival documents, databases, interactive maps, museum collections, video lectures, online encyclopedias, podcasts and social media content. This diversity expands learning opportunities, but it also increases the risk of superficial understanding, unverified conclusions and the passive copying of ready-made information.

For this reason, the development of analytical and reflective activity becomes a central task in the professional preparation of future history teachers. Analytical activity helps students distinguish facts from interpretations, compare sources, identify the logic of historical processes and build evidence-based arguments. Reflective activity helps them understand how they learn, how they select sources, why they trust certain data, which mistakes they make in the process of interpretation and how they can improve their future teaching practice. Analysis is directed mainly toward the external object, namely the historical source, event or process; reflection is directed toward the learner's own intellectual and professional activity.

The relevance of the problem is strengthened by the national and international tendency toward the digitalization of education. The modernization of the education system in Uzbekistan, including the development of digital infrastructure and teacher competence, requires new approaches to preparing pedagogical staff [1]. International documents and

studies also emphasize that teachers need information literacy, media literacy and the capacity to integrate digital tools into subject methodology [2; 3]. In history education, these requirements acquire a special meaning because the teacher is responsible for forming students' historical consciousness, civic position and ability to work critically with information.

Digital resources can enrich history education in several ways. Electronic archives provide access to primary sources that were previously difficult to obtain. Interactive maps allow students to see the spatial dimension of historical events. Virtual museums create a visual and emotional connection with cultural heritage. Timelines help understand chronology and historical dynamics. Digital storytelling supports the construction of meaningful historical narratives. Learning management systems and electronic portfolios make it possible to monitor students' progress and organize reflective assessment. However, these resources are pedagogically effective only when they are integrated into a clear methodological system.

The purpose of this article is to substantiate the pedagogical mechanisms for improving the analytical and reflective activity of future history teachers through digital resources. To achieve this purpose, the article clarifies the essence of analytical and reflective activity in history education, identifies the didactic potential of digital resources, proposes a methodological model for their use and describes the expected professional competencies of future history teachers. The central idea of the study is that digital resources should not be used merely as visual illustrations; they should become instruments of historical inquiry, critical interpretation and professional self-reflection.

Materials and Methods. The methodological basis of the study is formed by the competence-based, activity-based, reflective and digital-humanities approaches to education. The competence-based approach makes it possible to consider the preparation of future history teachers not only as the acquisition of theoretical knowledge, but also as the formation of practical abilities: searching for sources, analyzing evidence, designing lessons, conducting discussion and evaluating learning outcomes. The activity-based approach emphasizes that students develop professionally through meaningful tasks, problem situations and independent work with materials. The reflective approach focuses on the student's ability to observe, evaluate and improve his or her own learning and teaching actions [5; 6].

The concept of reflection used in the article is connected with the classical ideas of J. Dewey, who regarded reflective thinking as an active, persistent and careful consideration of knowledge and its grounds [6]. D. A. Schön later developed the idea of the reflective practitioner, showing that professional growth occurs when a specialist analyzes practical situations, recognizes problems and revises his or her own actions [5]. In teacher training, this

means that students should not only perform tasks, but also explain why they acted in a certain way, which evidence they used, what difficulties they faced and how they would change their strategy in future teaching.

The study also relies on the theoretical foundations of historical thinking. According to modern approaches, the development of historical thinking requires students to work with evidence, identify historical significance, understand continuity and change, analyze cause and consequence, take historical perspectives and evaluate the ethical dimension of the past [9; 10]. These operations are directly connected with analytical activity. Digital resources provide new opportunities for performing these operations because they allow students to access diverse sources and represent historical information in visual, spatial and comparative forms.

The research methods used in this article include theoretical analysis of pedagogical and methodological literature, comparative analysis of approaches to digital history education, generalization of teaching practices, modeling of a methodological mechanism and structural-functional interpretation of analytical and reflective skills. The article is theoretical and methodological in nature; therefore, its main result is the development of a pedagogically grounded model that can be used in higher education institutions for preparing future history teachers.

The materials considered in the study include digital resources that are relevant to history education: electronic archives and libraries, digital collections of museums, geographic information systems, interactive timelines, multimedia textbooks, online discussion forums, electronic portfolios, educational blogs and learning management systems. Each of these resources can perform different didactic functions. Some help collect and verify information; others help visualize data, compare interpretations, organize communication or support reflection. The selection of a resource should depend on the learning objective rather than on the novelty of the technology itself.

For analytical activity, particular attention is paid to source criticism. In the digital space, a historical source should be evaluated according to several criteria: authorship, date of creation, institutional origin, purpose, genre, completeness, correlation with other sources and level of scholarly reliability. Future teachers should learn to ask questions such as: Who created this source? For what purpose was it created? What historical context influenced it? Which facts are directly presented and which are interpreted? Does another source confirm or contradict it? Such questions transform digital work from mechanical search into historical inquiry.

For reflective activity, the study emphasizes written and oral forms of self-assessment: reflective journals, e-portfolios, learning blogs, self-evaluation checklists, peer review, video

analysis of teaching practice and post-task reflection. These tools help students reconstruct their learning process and formulate conclusions about their strengths and weaknesses. In the training of history teachers, reflection should include not only the result of the analysis, but also the quality of pedagogical decision-making: how a digital source can be adapted for a lesson, what age group it is suitable for, what questions can be asked based on it and what risks may arise during its use.

Table 1. Methodological functions of digital resources in history teacher training

Digital resource	Analytical function	Reflective function
Electronic archives	Working with primary sources, verifying facts, comparing documents	Evaluating the choice of sources and the reliability of conclusions
Interactive maps and GIS	Analyzing spatial changes, routes, borders and regional processes	Understanding how visual representation affects interpretation
Virtual museums	Connecting historical objects with cultural and social contexts	Assessing emotional perception and pedagogical usefulness
Timelines	Identifying chronology, continuity, change and causality	Reflecting on gaps in understanding historical sequence
E-portfolios and blogs	Systematizing completed analytical tasks and evidence	Monitoring personal progress and planning improvement

Results and Discussion. The analysis of the problem shows that digital resources create a qualitatively new environment for developing future history teachers' analytical activity. First, they increase access to historical sources. A student can compare a textbook fragment with archival documents, museum materials, maps, memoirs, statistical data and scholarly articles. Second, digital resources make comparison easier because information can be organized in tables, diagrams, maps or timelines. Third, they stimulate independent search, since the student becomes responsible for selecting the most relevant and reliable evidence. However, these advantages appear only when students are guided by clear criteria and methodological tasks.

A common weakness in the use of digital resources is the tendency to replace analysis with presentation. Students may prepare slides, collect images or copy information from

websites without critically evaluating the content. In such cases, the digital tool improves external appearance but does not develop historical thinking. Therefore, every digital task in history education should include analytical questions: What is the source of the information? Which position does it represent? What evidence confirms the claim? What alternative interpretation exists? What is the connection between the event and its historical context?

Analytical activity in digital history education may be organized through several operations. The first operation is heuristic search, which includes finding and filtering relevant sources. The second operation is source criticism, which requires determining reliability, authorship and context. The third operation is comparative analysis, where the student identifies similarities and differences between sources or interpretations. The fourth operation is causal analysis, through which the student explains why a historical event happened and what consequences it produced. The fifth operation is synthesis, where different types of information are integrated into a coherent conclusion. Each operation can be supported by digital tools, but the intellectual responsibility remains with the student.

Reflective activity is equally important. A future history teacher must understand not only what conclusion has been reached, but also how it has been reached. For example, after working with digital archives, students can write a short reflection answering the following questions: Which source was the most useful? Which source was difficult to interpret? Did I rely too much on one type of evidence? What additional information would make my conclusion stronger? How could I transform this material into a task for school students? Such reflection develops metacognitive control and prevents uncritical dependence on digital information.

The integration of analysis and reflection may be presented as a methodological cycle. At the first stage, the teacher creates a problem-based situation. For example, students may be asked to explain why a particular historical event is interpreted differently in different sources. At the second stage, students search for and select digital materials. At the third stage, they analyze the materials using source criticism, comparison and contextualization. At the fourth stage, they create a pedagogical product: a lesson fragment, a digital map, an infographic, a timeline, a mini-research report or a multimedia presentation. At the fifth stage, they reflect on both the process and the result.

Table 2. Methodological cycle for improving analytical and reflective activity

Stage	Teacher's task	Student's activity	Expected result
Problem situation	Formulate a historical question or contradiction	Clarify the problem and determine search directions	Motivation for evidence-based inquiry

Source selection	Recommend reliable platforms and criteria	Find, filter and verify digital sources	Information literacy and source criticism
Analytical processing	Provide comparison and analysis tasks	Classify, compare and interpret data	Historical reasoning and argumentation
Pedagogical transformation	Set the format of the final product	Create a map, timeline, case, presentation or lesson fragment	Methodical competence
Reflective assessment	Organize self-assessment and peer review	Evaluate difficulties, decisions and learning progress	Professional reflection and self-improvement

The use of electronic archives is one of the most effective ways to develop analytical thinking. Archival documents require students to work with original evidence. They learn that a document is not a neutral piece of information; it is produced by a person or institution in a particular context. Therefore, students should learn to reconstruct the context of a document, understand its language, distinguish between explicit and implicit meanings and compare it with other sources. This process strengthens the professional ability of future teachers to introduce school students to historical evidence rather than only ready-made narratives.

Interactive maps and GIS technologies expand the spatial dimension of historical analysis. Many historical processes cannot be fully understood without geography: migration, trade routes, military campaigns, urban development, borders, irrigation systems and cultural contacts. When students work with maps, they see that historical processes develop in space and time. Overlaying historical maps with modern maps may help them understand continuity and transformation. For example, the study of the Great Silk Road becomes more meaningful when routes, cities, trade centers and natural barriers are visualized. Such tasks also develop the ability to explain historical causality in connection with geographical factors.

Virtual museums and 3D models support the visual and emotional component of learning. They give students the opportunity to observe historical objects, architecture, artifacts and cultural environments that are not always available in the classroom. Nevertheless, virtual museums should also be used analytically. Students may be asked to identify the function of an object, determine its cultural meaning, compare it with similar objects from another period, or prepare questions for a school lesson based on the exhibit.

Reflection after a virtual museum task may include students' evaluation of how visual experience influenced their understanding of the historical topic.

Digital storytelling deserves special attention in teacher training. A future history teacher should be able to transform historical knowledge into an understandable and engaging narrative without losing scientific accuracy. Digital storytelling combines text, images, audio, video and maps. It helps students understand the logic of narrative construction: selection of facts, sequence, point of view, evidence and conclusion. At the same time, reflective discussion is needed to prevent oversimplification or emotional manipulation. Students should be able to explain why they selected certain materials and how their narrative remains historically responsible.

The flipped classroom model can be productive for developing reflective activity. Before the lesson, students study digital materials independently: a video lecture, an archival document, an interactive map or a short scholarly text. During the lesson, time is not spent on mechanical reproduction of information; instead, discussion, comparison and problem-solving tasks are organized. After the lesson, students complete an electronic reflective journal. This three-part structure helps combine independent learning, collaborative analysis and individual reflection. It also develops the responsibility of students for their own learning progress.

Peer review is another important tool. When students evaluate one another's digital tasks according to clear criteria, they learn to see methodological strengths and weaknesses. For example, a student who reviews a peer's timeline may notice that chronology is correct but the causal links are weak. Another student may observe that a presentation contains attractive images but lacks references to reliable sources. Such cooperative reflection develops professional language, critical tact and the ability to improve one's own teaching materials through feedback.

Video analysis of teaching practice can serve as a high-level form of reflection. Future teachers may record a fragment of a lesson in which they use a digital resource. After that, they analyze the video according to pedagogical criteria: clarity of instruction, appropriateness of the digital tool, quality of questions, students' engagement, time management and the connection between digital material and learning outcomes. This method helps students observe themselves from an external perspective and understand the real effectiveness of their pedagogical decisions [5; 15].

The development of information literacy is one of the main expected outcomes. In the digital environment, future history teachers should be able to distinguish academic sources from popular or unreliable materials, use scholarly databases, cite sources correctly and avoid

plagiarism. They should also understand the risk of fake history, manipulated images, decontextualized quotations and ideologically biased interpretations. Information literacy is therefore not a technical skill only; it is an ethical and professional responsibility of a history teacher.

The proposed approach also develops media literacy. Historical content on social networks may be emotionally attractive, but it often simplifies complex issues. Future teachers should learn to analyze media messages: who created them, what audience they target, what values they promote, what facts they omit and how visual or linguistic techniques influence perception. This competence is crucial because school students increasingly encounter historical information through digital media rather than academic texts.

Metacognitive skills form the inner mechanism of reflective activity. A student with developed metacognition can plan the learning process, choose strategies, monitor understanding, identify mistakes and evaluate results. In history education, this means that the student understands which analytical operation is needed for a particular task: source criticism, comparison, contextualization, causal explanation, interpretation or synthesis. Digital portfolios and reflective journals help make this process visible and systematic [14; 16].

The pedagogical effectiveness of digital resources depends on the teacher educator's role. The teacher educator should act as a moderator, consultant and methodological designer. It is not enough to recommend a website or platform; the teacher educator must formulate a task that activates thinking. For example, instead of asking students to 'prepare information about a historical event', it is better to ask them to compare three digital sources, identify contradictions, explain the reasons for different interpretations and write a reflection on how their opinion changed.

Digital humanities also opens new perspectives for history education. Text mining, data visualization and network analysis allow students to examine large amounts of historical material. For instance, the frequency of names, places or concepts in a historical text can be analyzed quantitatively. Future teachers who understand digital humanities can design lessons that combine qualitative and quantitative analysis, thereby making historical inquiry more attractive and intellectually rigorous [11; 12; 13].

The article proposes that the evaluation of students' work should include not only factual correctness, but also the quality of analysis and reflection. Assessment criteria may include: relevance and reliability of digital sources; ability to compare different interpretations; use of evidence; logical structure of conclusions; originality of pedagogical transformation; clarity of visual representation; and depth of reflective self-assessment. Such criteria

correspond to the professional tasks that future history teachers will face in real educational practice.

Table 3. Criteria for assessing analytical and reflective activity

Criterion	Indicator	Assessment focus
Source criticism	The student identifies authorship, context, purpose and reliability	Accuracy of work with digital evidence
Comparative analysis	The student compares several sources and interpretations	Ability to see contradiction and diversity
Causal explanation	The student explains reasons and consequences of events	Historical reasoning
Digital representation	The student creates a map, timeline, infographic or multimedia product	Pedagogical transformation of information
Reflection	The student evaluates difficulties, choices and professional implications	Self-assessment and metacognitive growth

The SWOT-reflection matrix can be recommended as a practical instrument for students after completing a digital history task. In the 'strengths' column, students identify which digital sources helped them discover new information. In the 'weaknesses' column, they record technical, linguistic or methodological difficulties. In the 'opportunities' column, they explain how the digital resource can be used in a school lesson. In the 'threats' column, they analyze possible risks, such as unreliable sources, oversimplification, copyright issues or excessive dependence on visual materials.

Another productive format is the case method. A 'source conflict' case may include two or more contradictory digital materials about the same event. Students must compare them and formulate a balanced conclusion. An 'alternative history' case may ask students to model how a historical process might have developed under different conditions, while clearly separating historical fact from hypothesis. A 'museum object' case may require students to select a digital exhibit and design a lesson task around it.

The development of future history teachers' analytical and reflective activity should also consider ethical issues. Digital resources may contain sensitive materials, biased narratives, personal data, images of violence or politically charged interpretations. A competent history

teacher must know how to select materials responsibly and how to discuss difficult topics in a pedagogically appropriate manner. Reflection helps students understand not only methodological effectiveness, but also the ethical consequences of using certain materials in the classroom.

In general, the results of the theoretical analysis confirm that digital resources perform four interconnected functions in history teacher training. The informational function provides access to sources and data. The analytical function supports comparison, classification, contextualization and interpretation. The communicative function creates opportunities for discussion, peer review and collaborative work. The reflective function helps students evaluate their learning process and professional development.

Thus, the improvement of analytical and reflective activity requires a systematic and staged approach. The student should move from simple search to source criticism, from source criticism to interpretation, from interpretation to pedagogical design, and from pedagogical design to professional reflection. This sequence forms the basis for preparing a future history teacher who can work independently in the digital information space and teach school students to do the same.

Conclusion. The effective use of digital resources in history education is an important pedagogical condition for improving the analytical and reflective activity of future teachers. Digital resources expand access to historical sources, create opportunities for visual and comparative analysis, support independent inquiry and make the learning process more interactive. However, their real value appears only when they are used in connection with methodological goals and intellectual tasks.

Analytical activity enables future history teachers to work critically with historical information, verify the reliability of sources, compare different interpretations, identify cause-and-effect relations and formulate evidence-based conclusions. Reflective activity enables them to understand their own learning process, evaluate the effectiveness of selected strategies, recognize difficulties and plan professional self-improvement. In digital history education, these two types of activity should be developed together because analysis without reflection may remain mechanical, while reflection without analytical evidence may become subjective.

The article proposed a methodological mechanism consisting of five stages: problem situation, selection and verification of digital sources, analytical processing, pedagogical transformation and reflective assessment. This mechanism can be applied in higher education institutions during lectures, seminars, independent work, pedagogical practice and research

assignments. The model helps students become not passive consumers of digital information, but active interpreters, designers and reflective practitioners.

The expected result of this approach is the formation of a competent future history teacher who possesses information literacy, media literacy, historical thinking, digital competence, metacognitive skills and professional reflection. Such a teacher is able to organize history lessons in a modern, evidence-based and interactive manner. Future research may focus on empirical testing of the proposed model, development of diagnostic tools for measuring analytical-reflective competence and investigation of artificial intelligence tools in history education.

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