

# Empowering Educators to Create Customized, Culturally Responsive Instructional Materials from Scratch Encore Harmonized with the Interest of Students

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## INTRODUCTION

**Scratch Encore** is an intermediate Scratch curriculum organized into 15 modules, of 2–3 lessons each, to be completed across multiple school years.

The curriculum provides **three theme choices for every structured project** so teachers can choose the project they think their students will enjoy and identify with the most.

**Conjuror** is an interactive generative AI tool that can be used to create customized Scratch projects and student-facing materials.

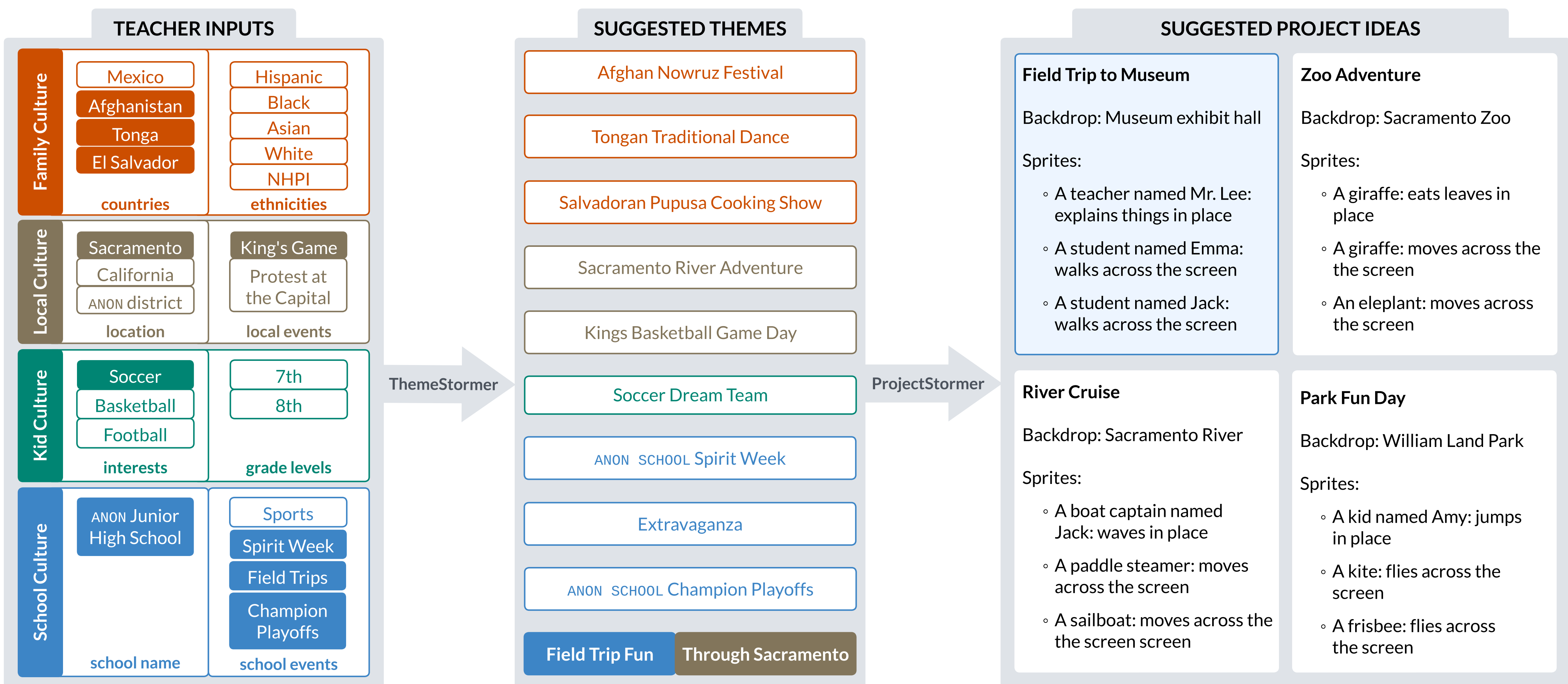
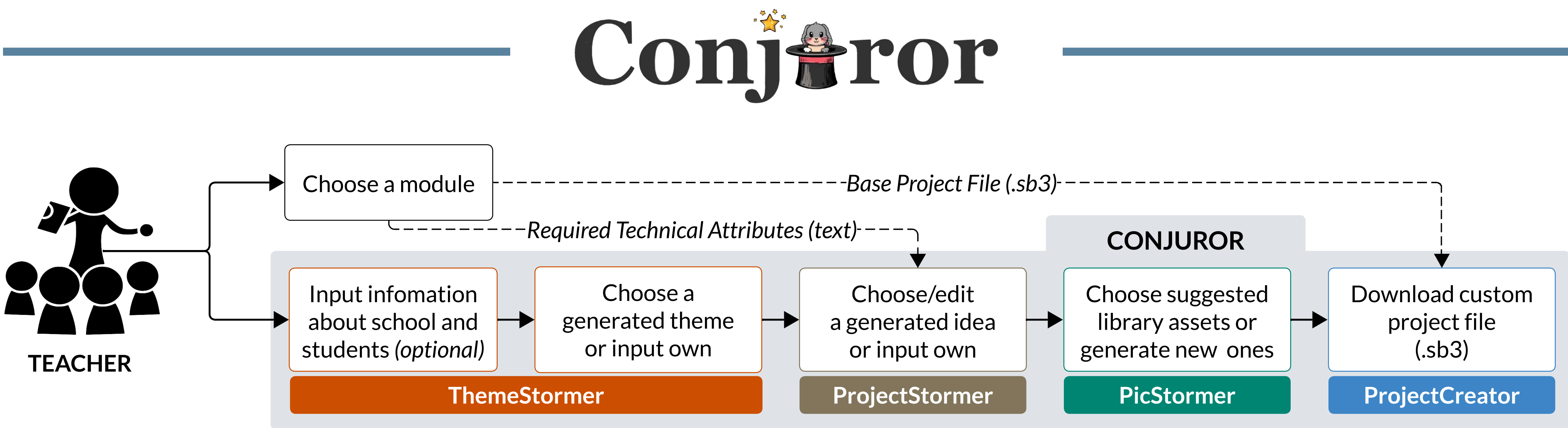
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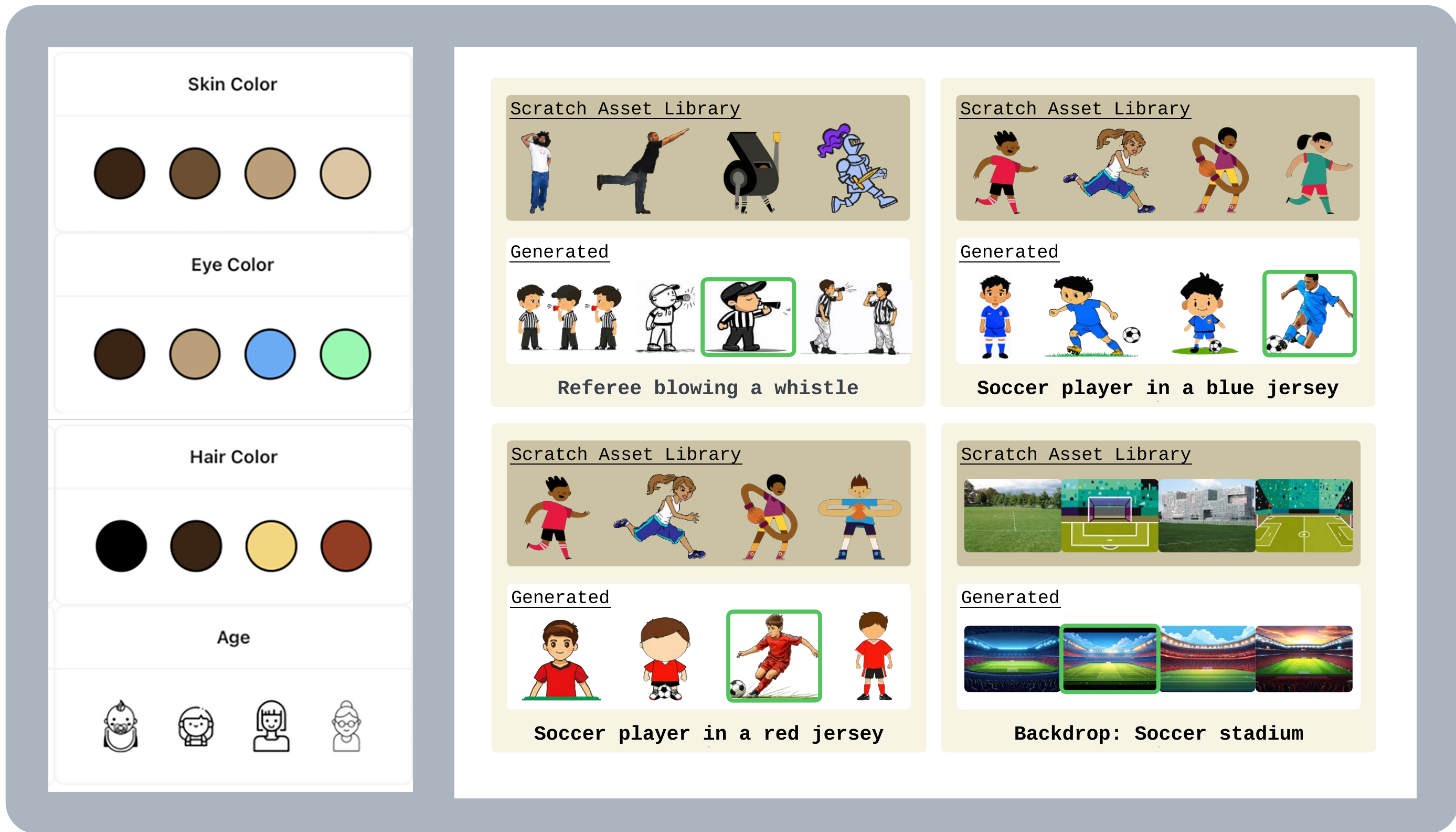
## The Harmonizing Scratch Encore Project

This project aims to provide professional learning for teachers to develop their own Scratch Encore modules, **customized for their students**, that draw on the **prior knowledge and cultural resources** present in their classrooms.



Teachers always have the option to type in their own ideas or edit the suggested ideas.

Examples of generated assets



## CUSTOMIZING SCRATCH PROJECTS STUDY

### WHO

Any 4th–8th grade teachers who teach Scratch coding. Districts must allow you to use Scratch in your classroom and participate in research.

### WHAT

Learn how to use Conjuror to:

- ◆ Integrate CS with Social Studies, Science, or ELA
- ◆ Customize school, community, or student interests
- ◆ Co-create with your students

### COMPENSATION

\$1500 for completing PD + research study

### STUDY REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Attend 5-Day PD for new Scratch Encore teachers, 2-Day PD for experienced SE teachers
- ◆ Customize and share the materials for 2 projects
- ◆ Teach a customized project
- ◆ Interview after PD and after the customized project is taught
- ◆ Provide links to public Scratch classroom



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<https://www.canonlab.org/conjuror-study>

