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TEACHER SUPPORT GUIDE

Quantum Explorations

TARGET GRADE
High School Physics, AP Physics 2, IB Physics, or Introductory Quantum Mechanics

TOPIC
(Wave-Particle Duality, Quantum Measurement, Superposition & Quantum Tunneling)

1 Learning Objectives & Assessment Goals

What This Teaches:

- **Wave-Particle Duality & Measurement:** How unobserved particles exhibit wave-like interference patterns, while active measurement collapses superposition into classical particle paths.
- **Quantum Superposition:** How subatomic particles simultaneously occupy multiple potential states/locations until an observation forces a wave function collapse.
- **Quantum Tunneling:** How particles pass through classically impenetrable barriers due to their probabilistic wave nature.
- **Historical Science Literacy:** Contextualizing quantum breakthroughs through key figures including Thomas Young, Albert Einstein, Niels Bohr, and Erwin Schrödinger.

What This Assesses:

- **Conceptual Reasoning:** Analyzing the effect of toggling an observer on particle distribution patterns.
- **State Manipulation:** Differentiating between a spread-out particle cloud (superposition) and a collapsed, single-point location.
- **Variable Testing:** Adjusting particle energy levels to evaluate changes in barrier penetration probability during quantum tunneling.

2 How This Supports Students on Their Learning Journey

Concrete Visualization of Abstract Theories
Transforms counter-intuitive, non-classical physics concepts into dynamic, hands-on 3D visual models.

Interactive Sandbox & Reset Functionality
Allows students to toggle observers, trigger wave function collapses, and revert particles back to superposition states to test hypotheses repeatedly.

Guided Step-by-Step Learning
Guides learners table-by-table through structured, sequential experiments that build directly upon prior conceptual understandings.

3 Key Instructional & Gameplay Components

Experiment / Station	Student Action & Task Execution	Outcomes & Educational Value
Double Slit Experiment	Click **Start Experiment** to fire particles through two slits; click **Enable Observer** to toggle detection.	**Unobserved:** Creates an interference pattern (wave nature). **Observed:** Collapses pattern into two distinct clusters (particle nature).
Superposition Station	Click **Start Superposition** to spawn a particle cloud; click **Measure Particle**; click **Revert to Superposition**.	Demonstrates wave function collapse into a single location upon measurement and demonstrates Schrödinger's Cat concept.
Quantum Tunneling	Initiate particle flow toward an energy barrier; modify particle energy parameters.	Illustrates how wave probability allows particles to pass through barriers without sufficient classical energy.
Historical Context	Engage with background text and historical scientist profiles at each station.	Connects experiments to Thomas Young (1801 wave evidence), Einstein, Bohr, and Schrödinger.

4 Curriculum Integration & Classroom Implementation

When to Use:

Ideal for **AP/IB Physics units on Quantum & Atomic Physics**, serving as an exploratory lab when introducing wave-particle duality and wave function collapse.

Suggested Session Format:

STEP 1
Warm-Up
5 mins

Discuss classical versus quantum expectations when firing objects through two openings.

STEP 2
VR Lab Station
15–20 mins

Students work through the table stations, recording observations when toggling observers and measuring superposition clouds.

STEP 3
Debrief
10 mins

Discuss how observation alters reality at the quantum scale and review real-world applications like scanning tunneling microscopes and semiconductors.