



What is History Day:

National History Day is an academic competition focusing on history students in grades 6-12 (though 4th and 5th graders may participate in the elementary division). It is a lot like a Science Fair for History.

It is a non-profit education organization based in College Park, Maryland and the NHD contest encourages more than half a million students around the world to conduct historical research on a topic of their choice that relates to the theme of that particular year.

What do Students do:

Students will look through libraries, archives and museums, conduct oral history interviews, and visit historic sites researching a topic related to the National History Day theme. After they have analyzed and interpreted sources, and have drawn a conclusion about the significance of their topic, they will then be able to present their work in one of five ways: [as a paper, an exhibit, a performance, a documentary, or a website](#). An explanation of each category can be found at the link.

The Elementary Division (4th-5th Grade) may only participate in a poster that is 30"x40" in size and does not exceed 350 words. It may either be done individually, or as a group project.

2019 Theme:

Every year National History Day frames students' research within a historical theme. The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national, or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past. The 2018-2019 theme is *Triumph & Tragedy in History*. The theme book below is full of information on how to use that theme as well as project ideas.

Helpful Resources:

[NHD Theme Book](#)

[NHD Partner Resources](#)

[Student Resources](#)

[Project Examples](#)

[Graphic Organizer](#) for Students to Organize research information

[Theme Narrative](#) with lists of project ideas

[Teacher Resources](#) for integrating National History Day into your class.

[Rubrics used for judging](#) (*Note these are not final rubrics according to the website)

Springs Important Dates for History Day:

December 14th: River Springs Charter School District Competition (Student must attend judging with their completed project in Temecula at the event center)

March 16: Riverside County History Day Competition

May 10-12: National History Day California State Competition in Rocklin, CA

June 9-13: National History Day Competition, College Park University of Maryland

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