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.

2021 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 2019-2020 theme is *Breaking Barriers*. 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
Student Graphic Organizer

Rule Book
Teacher Resources for integrating National History Day into your class.

Springs Important Dates for History Day:

October 9th: Parent Informational Meeting 11:00am Virtual

November 13th: Parent UPDATED Informational Meeting (Platform, Judging Sheets and templates)

January 4th: Deadline to Register for the Virtual Competition (Link TBA)

January 25th: River Springs Charter School District Competition Deadline to Submit Student Projects

January 29th: River Springs History Day Competition Virtual Awards 1:00pm

February 11th: Deadline to Register for County Competition

February 18th: Historical Paper, Documentaries, and Website

submission deadline for county competition

February 25th: Poster, Exhibit, and Performance submission Deadline for county competition

March 4th - 10th: County Judging Window

March 11th - 12th: Public Viewing

March 12th: Riverside County History Day Awards Ceremony time TBA

May 7th- 9th: NHD-CA State Competition

June 10th- 14th: National History Day Competition

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