

National History Day 2017

Students may choose to complete a research paper, museum exhibit, dramatic presentation, interactive website, or documentary. Students choose to complete a project as an individual or as a group.

2017 theme: **Taking a Stand in History**

Website: <http://www.nhd.org>

Step 1- Select a topic. Suggestions will be discussed in meetings. You must choose a topic that is historically important, relates to the theme of the contest, and one in which you have a genuine interest. We strongly encourage you to research topics focusing on local or state history.

Complete the entry form and submit no later than **Thursday, December 15, 2016.**

Step 2 – Research. This is the longest phase of the project, and will continue from November through February. Your research is not complete until you have completed the research checklist.

Step 3 - Developing an annotated bibliography. This should contain sources available at the school and community libraries. You are required to do some research out of school – consider community libraries, college or community college libraries, and other resources available throughout Michigan like museums and archives. Interviews and other “outside of the box” sources are encouraged. Internet sources are legitimate, provided they can be authenticated. Wikipedia, about.com, and other “general knowledge” sources are **not** legitimate resources. Each source must be correctly cited and contain an annotation. Annotations should be 3+ sentences and include:

1. Is the source primary or secondary?
2. What parts of the source are relevant to your topic?
3. How the source is important to your topic.

Annotated bibliographies: Utilize MLA Format. The NoodleTools.com site provides our framework this year.

- **Monday 12/19/16 or Thursday 12/22/16** – Annotated Bibliography – 5-10 sources due
- **Thursday 1/12/17 or Monday 1/16/17** - Annotated Bibliography – total of 15-20 sources due
- **Thursday 2/2/17 or Monday 2/6/17** - Annotated Bibliography – Phase 3 due

Step 4 – Interviews. You need to attempt to get at least three interviews. Find the contact information on them and get approval from coaches as soon as possible – December or early January is best.

Step 5 – Develop final plan to complete the project by January 20, 2017. This is your plan on how to complete the entry before the deadline.

Step 6 – Final product. The final product for **papers, websites, and documentaries** must be submitted for review and practice judging in its entirety no later than **February 11, 2017.** **Exhibits and performances** must be submitted in its entirety no later than **March 2, 2017.** All components, including process papers, and final annotated bibliographies, will be evaluated.

2016-2017 Whitehall National History Day Schedule

Welcome to another exciting year of National History Day competition! This year's theme is a great one: **Taking a Stand in History**. There are so many local, state, national, and international individuals and organizations who have taken stands and changed history. Which one will you choose?

Our schedule is as follows:

High School: Meetings are every Monday after school until 5:00 in the lab that connects to the Media Center.

Middle School and Elementary: Meetings are every Thursday after school until 4:45 – 5:00 in the Middle School Lab (MS 2) connected to the Media Center in the main corridor.

*** Students from each level are welcome to attend meetings on the other dates at any time.

Contest Dates:

March 18, 2017 - Districts at Grand Valley State University. Contest usually runs from 8:00 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m.

April 29, 2017 – State Contest at Bay City Central High School. Contest usually runs from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

June 11-15, 2017 – National Contest at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Deadlines and Fees:

Districts: Maximum of 3 entries per category per school; Coach K's recommendation = 2 entries per category

Registration fee: \$10.00 per student.

February 20, 2017 – District Registration

March 6, 2017 – Electronic submission of papers, websites, and documentaries

States: Top 3 in each category from Districts go to states.

Registration fee: \$35.00 per student.

Late March, 2017: State registration and entry submission deadline - papers, documentaries, and websites

Late March, 2017: State registration – exhibits and performances

National Contest: Top 2 in each category advance to nationals

Registration: \$105.00 per student plus room and board – approximately \$450.00 all told (we raise funds to cover most of these costs)

Mid May: Registration and entry submission deadline for papers, documentaries, and websites (plus scholarship applications)

Mid May: Registration deadline for exhibits and performances

WE CAN'T WAIT TO LEARN FROM EACH OF YOU!