

National History Day Project Overview

Due Date: Late January 2019

School Fair: Late January 2019

County Fair: Saturday, March 2, 2019 – Markham Woods, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The purpose of the NHD project is for you to learn about a historical topic related to the theme and draw conclusions about the significance of your topic and its connection to the theme. You will conduct primary and secondary research and then analyze & interpret your research. Your findings will be presented through one of the categories/formats listed below.



Detailed directions will be posted on MrJDumont.weebly.com and NHD.org

Each of the following elements will have a separate due date, to be announced on MrJDumont.weebly.com

1. Topic: Pick a “narrow” history topic (more than 20 years old) that relates to the **theme**:

"Triumph and Tragedy" (*Narrow: Winter at Valley Forge, NOT Broad: American Revolution*)

2. Research & Bibliography:

A. Research: Use at least 10 different sources with at least 5 Primary sources. (Please use a variety of sources.)

B. Annotated Bibliography: Use MLA format. (Use easybib.com or bibme.org)

1. It identifies what type of source this is (song, poem, book, website, journal article, newspaper article, etc.)
2. How was the source used? What information did you find in the source?
3. How did the source help you understand your topic and create your project?

Remember: Give credit to your sources, otherwise you are plagiarizing.

3. Thesis (Claim) Statement: Approximately one paragraph that introduces the topic and its significance (the point that you are trying to prove). The rest of the presentation includes supporting evidence that backs up your thesis.

A good thesis statement addresses a narrow topic, explains the historical significance of the topic (Why is this important?)

- Clearly connects the topic to the NHD theme **"Triumph & Tragedy"**
- Should be located in an obvious place in your final presentation

4. Presentation: Your final presentation (project) will display your thesis, overview of topic, significance/impact and theme relationship in a neat, creative, and accurate manner. The specific directions and rules for each category are listed on the NHD website.

Presentation Categories:

A. Exhibit Board: individual or group up to 3 people B. Documentary (video): individual or group up to 3 people C. Performance (play): individual or group up to 5 people D. Website: individual or group up to 3 people E. Research Paper individual only	Name of your partner(s): Parent signature approving this partnership:
Teacher and parent approval is REQUIRED to work in a group!	

In addition to your presentation, you need to include the following paperwork with your project:

- Title Page (Project Title, Category, Student Name)
- Annotated bibliography
- Process Paper (500 words or less)
- How did you conduct research for your topic?
- Why did you choose this topic?
- Explain why and how you created your presentation.
- How does your topic reflect *Triumph & Tragedy*?

I have read this overview of the NHD expectations, process, and due dates:

Student: _____ **Parent:** _____