









Pasco History Fair TEACHES. Inspires. Prepares.

I. What is National History Day?

National History Day is a program that engages students in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Students produce dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries, and research papers based on research related to an annual theme. These projects are then evaluated at local, state, and national competitions.



II. Who participates in NHD?

Nationwide, 700,000 students and 40,000 teachers annually participate in National History Day programs. More than 2,000 students from across the country attend the national contest (from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Schools and American Samoa).



The Process

 Research and project development
 Class winners' projects are judged at a school fair.
 School Fair winners move on to District Competition

DATE	
FINAL PROJECT DUE	Friday, January 26, 2024
SCHOOL HISTORY DAY	Friday, February 2, 2024 (students are not required to attend)
PASCO HISTORY DAY	Wednesday, February 21, 2024 (students are not required to attend)
FLORIDA HISTORY DAY Tallahassee, Florida	May TBD (advancing students ARE required to attend)
NATIONAL HISTORY DAY University of Maryland	June TBD (advancing students ARE required to attend)

IV. What is the 2024Theme?

All topics must be related to the National History Day's theme:



Rights and Responsibilities

Topics can be from any area of historyLocal, National, World, Sports, Entertainment, Science

What must students complete

Process Paper

- 4 paragraphs (types)
 Each paragraph explains the process the student takes.
- Annotated Bibliography
 - All sources used must be formally cited and annotated

Project

- Project must be from one of the NHD approved categories.
- All categories have rules.
- All projects must reflect what was learned through the research process

V. What categories can students enter?

You may enter one of nine categories:
 paper (individual only)
 individual exhibit or group exhibit
 individual performance or group performance
 individual documentary or group documentary
 individual website or group website



VI. Rubrics/Judging Criteria



Historical Quality (60%) – accuracy, shows analysis, places topic in historical context, wide research, uses many primary sources, uses a variety of sources

Relation to theme (20%) – relates to theme, draws conclusions and demonstrates significance of topic

Clarity of Presentation (20%) - written material is organized, clear, appropriate, organized, visual impact, and correct grammar usage, and spelling.

How Can I Help My Child

Brainstorm topics...Help your child find a topic they find interesting. The higher their interest the more they will be engaged in the process.

While this is the student's work...Help them by proof-reading work with them at each checkpoint.

Help them keep up with deadlines.

Conversation... Help your child process what they learned by discussing their research.

Exhibits are NOT simply backboards









