

Reminders and Tips for Students Participating in History Day

*Bring **THREE clean and final copies of the required written materials for all entries (except historical papers)** which include

- The title page with only the title of the entry, your name(s), and the contest division and category (example: Junior Group Exhibit) **NO SCHOOL! NO GRAPHICS!**
- The research description (process paper) of no more than 500 words describing how research was conducted and how the project was created and developed. Also included should be an explanation of the relationship of the topic to the contest theme “Conflict and Compromise in History.”
- The annotated bibliography divided into primary and secondary sources. Please see Page 10 Rule 15: “Annotated Bibliography” in the Contest Guide (also available online at <http://www.nationalhistoryday.org/Rules.htm>). Remember: The annotated bibliography is very important because it shows that you have done wide research using a wide variety of available sources. Each annotation should include how you used the source and how it helped in the understanding of the topic.

*Remember that this is a **history competition**. The judges will be using guidelines to look for historical accuracy, historical context, use of primary sources, as well as wide and balanced research (60%). Judges are instructed not to let the “glitz” of a project affect their judging: content is the key!

*Review your work to make sure that each project clearly **relates to the theme**, “The Individual in History.” What is the significance of this individual and his or her role in history? Relationship to theme counts 20%.

***Double-check the category rules** of size, word limits, time limits, etc for each category. These are in the Contest Guide which you received and are also on the National History Day website (<http://www.nationalhistoryday.org/Rules.htm>).

*Bring any supplies you need (tape, power cords, computer, etc.). In the documentary rooms will be a TV/VCR on a cart and a DVD hooked to a wall-mounted TV. There are no computers or projectors although students may bring their own.

*PLEASE remember that **the entry will be judged, not you**. The interview is an opportunity for you to share your excitement about history and to acknowledge challenges and triumphs in the research process and in production of the entry. **The interview is not an explanation of the topic or a presentation/oral report.**

Congratulations on all your hard work!