



# PLANNING FOR HISTORY DAY SUCCESS!

Teachers: Use this document to make your game plan for History Day

## STUDENTS AND GRADING

1. Which students or classes are going to do National History Day® projects?
  - a. Club/Afterschool Program
  - b. Entire Class/Grade
  - c. Selected Student Enrichment
  
2. If a class project:
  - a. Will this be optional or required?

Optional	Required
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  - b. Will this project be a large, medium, or small part of their grade?
    - i. Large
    - ii. Medium
    - iii. Small
    - iv. Percentage/Details \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Is the project going to be completed mostly during class, outside of class, or a split?

In class	Outside	Split
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## Notes:



## GROUP, PROJECT, AND TOPIC CHOICE

4. Can students work in groups? (NHD allows groups of 2-5)

Yes

Maximum group size? \_\_\_\_\_

No

5. If students can work in groups, how will the groups be chosen?

6. What project categories can students choose?

- a. Website
- b. Documentary
- c. Exhibit
- d. Performance
- e. Paper

7. Will student topic choice be limited to a certain time period or geographic area? If so, what are the limitations?

9. Can multiple students, or groups of students, select the same topic?



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT

11. Have you signed up for the NHD Newsletter and Alaska History Day Newsletter?  
([nhd.org/newsletter](http://nhd.org/newsletter), [akhistoryday.org](http://akhistoryday.org))

Yes                      No

12. Have you been in contact with the state's history day coordinator so she knows you are planning to enter? ([alaskahistoryday@gmail.com](mailto:alaskahistoryday@gmail.com))

Yes                      No

13. Are there departments or other educators at your school with which you can collaborate? If so, who?

14. Does your school library have resources you can use? List Below

15. Are there local public, college, or university libraries that you can use? If so, which ones? List Below

16. How do you plan on communicating about this project to families/guardians?



## THE HISTORY DAY COMPETITION CYCLE

*Note: the competition is entirely optional!*

17. Are you offering History Day competition participation as an option to your students?

Yes

No

Undecided

18. Do you plan on holding a school-level contest, fair, or expo to share your History Day students' projects? If so, what are your ideas?

19. Is your district holding a regional event this year?

Yes

When and where is it? \_\_\_\_\_

No

20. Do your planned deadlines for any school and local events allow time for students to revise their projects ahead of the next?

Yes

No

Unsure

## NATIONAL CONTEST:

Students whose projects place in the top two at the state contest will be invited to attend National History Day in College Park. Third place finishers are extended an invitation if one of the top two is unable to attend. ***This is an in-person contest with travel required, with students responsible for travel costs.*** If you think your students may be interested in making the trip, please plan ahead for fundraising, as the time frame between Alaska History Day's results announcements and the National Contest is only around two months.