



Directions: Take some time to find out some information about National History Day. Then you will be able to do some thinking about how to select a topic and complete a project. Please follow these step-by-step directions and complete information or questions as required. Check off the boxes as you complete the steps.

- Log on to your computer.
- Type <https://nhd.org/en/contest/> in the address box.
- Read this page and then at the bottom, click on “**Contest Theme.**”
- Scroll down and watch the “**Theme Overview Video**” (12 minutes 30 seconds).
 - How do we define a “turning point?”

○ Sample topics that may be of interest to me:

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- ❑ On the blue box **at the bottom of this page**, click on **"Ready to Start Your Project?"**
- ❑ Explore the various links found on this new page (Chose Your Topic, Start Your Research, Select a Contest Category, etc.) All answers can be found! You might want to have a look at the **"Contest Rule Book"** (you can download a copy at the top of this page).

1. List the categories in order of your interest by placing a 1(most interest) to 5 (least interest) on the lines in front of the categories.

_____ Documentary

_____ Paper

_____ Exhibit

_____ Performance

_____ Web Site

What is an annotated bibliography? _____

a. How long should the annotation be for each of the sources you used to create your project? _____

b. How should you annotate a primary source that is contained in a secondary source? _____

c. How should you annotate photographs and documents? _____

d. How many sources should you have in your annotated bibliography? _____

2. What are primary sources and some examples of primary sources?

3. What are secondary sources and some examples of secondary sources?

4. Who is responsible for supplying any equipment that you may need for your project?

5. What is the only category in which a costume may be worn?

6. What must you do if you want to include firearms, animals, organisms, or plants in your project? _____

7. What 4 items must be included on the title page of your written materials?

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8. Your title page may have pictures and/or graphic designs on it. YES NO

9. List the 3 written materials that must be submitted with a documentary, exhibit, performance, or website.

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10. Colored paper may be used for the written materials. YES NO

11. Written materials should be enclosed in a cover. YES NO

12. All projects, except the Research Paper, must have a Process Paper. YES NO

13. What is the word limit for the Process Paper? _____

14. List the 4 parts that must be included in your process paper.

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15. Primary sources must be separated from secondary sources in the annotated bibliography. YES NO

16. List the 2 style guidelines for citations and bibliographic references that may be used.

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- _____

17. What will happen if you are caught plagiarizing or if you fail to acknowledge sources in your annotated bibliography?

18. What are some special prize categories that a project may win?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

19. Questions that you would like to ask me about creating an NHD project:

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