



## Ohio History Day

### What Coordinators Would Like Their Teachers to Know!

#### "It's not just a day, It's an Experience"

- Yes, National History Day is a competition, which makes it motivational and exciting. But it is also a year-long experience during which students are learning multitudes of skills, which will benefit them for a lifetime.
- Continued focus on the features of learning will help cooler heads prevail in times of turmoil, as well as nurture children who know how to celebrate their own individual achievements.

#### Share your knowledge, experience and enthusiasm:

- Share via state NHD networks classroom tools that can be useful for other teachers (lesson plans, scheduling tools, rubrics, examples of student work).
- Share your passion for NHD via teacher networks - from school meetings, to district events, to state social studies conferences, to social media. Experienced teachers can be involved in this kind of networking, and it helps to have someone who's experienced with NHD as the spokesperson for what it is, how it works and why it's important.
- Volunteer to judge at other regional contests, help recruit reliable judges for all levels of competition.
- Offer to mentor new NHD teachers!

#### Know and make best use of your resources:

- All teachers and students (even parents) need to be familiar with the current rulebook and theme guide. Please consult it prior to e-mailing coordinator questions.
- For questions about regional events, please contact the regional coordinator.
- Contact state coordinator first, not national staff, for questions the state coordinator may most likely be able to answer.
- In preparation for the state contest event and Nationals, as well, involve all available mentors (other teachers, highly-skilled parents, NHD alumni) to help students do their best work.
- Engage the community. Seek out local history organizations, libraries, and colleges to help with student projects.

#### Communication and closing dates:

- Keep coordinator informed about special work that you are doing so they can share the news.
- It is **IMPERATIVE** that registration deadlines be observed – please, please, please plan ahead!!

### We appreciate all that you do!

You make help make History Day happen, we can't do it without your commitment and enthusiasm!

Thank you.



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