Why Ohio History Day?

National History Day is an Ohio Original...

1974 Founded on the campus of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland

Students in each of Ohio’s 10 Districts work all year on projects focused on that year’s NHD theme. They then compete as in the following categories:

- Individual: Performance, Website, Documentary, Exhibit, Paper
- Group: Performance, Website, Documentary, Exhibit

Youth (grades 4-5), Junior (grades 6-8), or Senior (grades 9-12)

Ohio History Day teaches...

I noticed a marked change in my interest and enthusiasm compared to previous assignments I had completed. For the first time, I found myself not memorizing rote facts and events, but rather extensively analyzing the tacit motives and consequences, the psychology behind each stroke of diplomacy, and the varying perspectives from different sides of interplay. For the first time, I looked at history with the question of why?, rather than what? or when?

– Ohio High School History Day student

Ohio History Day prepares...

Students who participate in National History Day report higher confidence ratings (3 vs 2.7 on a 4-point scale) on college- and career-readiness skills including:

- Evaluating online information, work habits and perseverance, knowledge of events not studied in school, ability to organize reports, communication skills, and designing a research plan.

Ohio History Day inspires!

Ohio History Day engages students across the curriculum giving them the opportunity to be creative, collaborate, and think critically. No matter what a student’s key interests there is a way for them to engage with Ohio History Day!

- Thesis writing, script writing, editing, interviewing, presenting, communications
- Historical research, accessing community resources, civic engagement, global awareness, source evaluation
- Environmental literacy, science topics and scientists throughout history
- Exhibition design, performance and movement, sound and film direction, costume design, web design
- Web editing, exhibition construction, sound and film editing, documentary production, media literacy