

# OHIO HISTORY DAY

Dear Educators,

Welcome to Ohio History Day (OHD)! We are thrilled to have you join our community of learners and educators. Your decision to participate in OHD marks the beginning of an exciting journey toward engaging students in historical thinking skills using project-based learning strategies.

## What is History Day?

National History Day™ (NHD) is an Ohio original, beginning in 1974, at Case Western Reserve University, to reinvigorate the teaching and learning of history. Today, NHD is a national project with 600,000 students participating from across the country and even internationally!

In short, students in grades 6-12 choose topics that relate to an annual theme. They research and share their findings in one of five presentation categories: Research Paper, Exhibit, Documentary, Performance, or Website. Students may then enter their projects into History Day competitions at school, regional, state, and national levels.

## Why Participate?

History Day helps teachers meet classroom standards by giving students the opportunity to be creative, collaborate, and think critically across the curriculum. Students can practice 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and report feeling more confident on their college and career readiness skills! History Day encourages students to practice inquiry- and project-based learning that creates an environment for them to see the real-world impact and relevancy of their topic.

*"[Students] have an opportunity to visit archives, interview experts, read primary sources and visit museums and historical sites related to their topic. This is "boots on the ground" work and requires the students to think critically about the type and variety of sources they encounter. The ability to conduct wide ranging research is an essential skill for college."*

**-Ohio History Day Teacher**

## Let's Get Started!

Starting a brand-new program can be a bit overwhelming, but we've got you covered! You can find standards alignment charts, lesson plans, classroom presentations, key contest dates and several classroom models of participation on our websites, so you can find what works best for you and your classroom.

If you'd like to know more about OHD, join us as a judge at one of our 10 regional contests, at a PD workshop, or at one of our research days! We're always excited to chat about how you can make History Day work for you, so be sure to call or email us with any questions!

We're excited to collaborate with you as you bring History Day to your students! We look forward to seeing you all at a regional contest soon!

Cheers,



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