

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA

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National History Day in Indiana is an exciting program that encourages young people to explore a historical subject related to an annual theme. Students make history come alive as their research leads to imaginative exhibits, original performances, media documentaries, papers and Web sites. Indiana students participate in four divisions: Youth I (grade 4), Youth II (grade 5), Junior (grades 6–8) and Senior (grades 9–12), with guidelines tailored to the Indiana academic standards for social studies and language arts.

OVERVIEW SPONSORS

Indiana students interested in participating in National History Day need an adult sponsor. The sponsor is the contact person and liaison between student participants, the state coordinator and NHDI staff at the Indiana Historical Society. A sponsor may be a teacher, youth leader, parent or any adult willing to mentor a student and make sure that the required forms are completed and mailed on time. Sponsors ensure that all students follow the National History Day rules. In addition, sponsors are responsible for distributing NHDI materials to students and returning completed program information and History Day contest registrations by the due dates.

THEME

Each year a broad theme is selected for National History Day. This year's theme is *Innovation in History: Impact and Change*. Within the theme, students may select a person, place or event of interest from any aspect of local, regional, national or world history. Regardless of the topic chosen, the student presentation and conclusion must clearly relate to the annual theme. To understand the historical importance of their innovation, students need to ask questions about time; place and context; cause and effect; change over time; and impact and significance. National History Day projects should go beyond description to include analysis of information and conclusions that consider how the innovation influenced and was influenced by other people, ideas and events.

CATEGORIES

A student should choose a category that makes the best use of his or her special abilities, talents and interests. Be careful to select the most suitable category for the topic.

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Youth I Division Categories

Narrative –Individual

Exhibit–Individual or Group

Media Presentation–Individual or Group

Performance–Individual or Group

Youth II, Junior and Senior Division Categories

Paper–Individual

Exhibit–Individual or Group

Documentary–Individual or Group

Performance–Individual or Group

Web Site–Individual or Group

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All Indiana History Day students must compete in a district contest to be eligible for the state and, for students in Junior and Senior divisions, the national contest. Each of Indiana's 92 counties has been assigned to a district. A district contest will be held for schools and youth organizations located in counties assigned to that particular district. Refer to the list below for counties assigned to each district.

Students who place in the top third of their division/category at their district contest will advance to the state contest, with a minimum of three projects advancing from each division/category. Choosing a percentage of the total entries from each district for participation in the state contest allows NHD to maintain a fair representation of students from across the state. Sponsors of district winners will receive state competition registration information following their district's contest.

Sponsors with students interested in participating in National History Day in Indiana should return a completed participation form to the NHD office at the IHS. Upon receipt of this form, NHD staff will send sponsors the contest rule books, district competition information and contest registration forms.

DISTRICT CONTESTS

Central District

Counties: Boone, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Fountain, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Parke, Putnam, Rush, Shelby, Tippecanoe, Vermillion, Vigo and Warren

District contest location: Indianapolis

East District

Counties: Adams, Allen, Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Grant, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jay, Madison, Miami, Randolph, Tipton, Union, Wabash, Wayne and Wells

District contest location: Muncie

North District

Counties: Benton, Cass, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, White and Whitley

District contest location: South Bend

Southeast District

Counties: Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland and Washington

District contest location: Nashville

Southwest District

Counties: Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Sullivan, Warrick and Vanderburgh

District contest location: Vincennes

TO REQUEST NHD WORKSHOPS OR CONTEST INFORMATION:

**Contact the NHD staff
at (317) 234-0085 or
nhdi@indianahistory.org**

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA

Get the most out of your National History Day experience with these student workshops.

The NHD staff is available to visit Indiana schools and support Indiana's National History Day students throughout the school year.

These workshops are tailored to meet the needs of NHD teachers and teachers and are FREE to Indiana students participating in National History Day.

STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Getting Started with History Day Workshop

In this 45-minute presentation, NHD staff will introduce students to National History Day in Indiana. The session includes tips for selecting a topic, getting started with research, theme and contest information and a review of sample projects. Worksheets and handouts will be provided.

NHD Student Research or Project Development Workshops

NHD staff will visit participating schools to offer a resource and/or project development workshop for students. A research workshop emphasizes research and analysis of primary and secondary sources, Web research tips and identifying other useful resources. A project development workshop discusses elements of thesis development, exhibit design and story telling, which can be incorporated into any project. These workshops can be combined and/or tailored to the needs of the students.

NHD Student Project Consultations

NHD staff will be available to meet with students at their schools to review their progress and offer tips on preparing for district and state competitions. These consultations are available February through April.

To request a workshop, contact the NHD office at (317) 234-0085 or nhd@indianahistory.org.

INDIANA JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP

Expand the NHD experience by starting an Indiana Junior Historical Society club. IJrHS clubs, sponsored by history organizations, schools, libraries, home school associations and individuals, provide students in grades three through 12 and educators with diverse and engaging programs. In addition to NHD benefits, IJrHS members receive specialized programs and resources at their schools and around the state, as well as free admission to the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. IJrHS members also receive the *IJrHS Notes* newsletter.

IJrHS members receive a \$2 discount on registration for NHD district and state contests.

For more information, contact the IJrHS coordinator at (317) 233-4549 or ijrhs@indianahistory.org.

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2009/2010 CALENDAR

AS OF SEPT. 15, 2009

OCTOBER 2009 – APRIL 2010

Oct. 2009 – April 2010 **Getting Started with History Day and NHD Student Research or Project Development Workshops**

Feb. – April 2010 **NHDI Student Project Consultations**

Feb. 26 **Contest Registration Deadline for Central District Contest**

MARCH 2010

March 12 **Contest Registration Deadline for North District Contest**

March 13 **Central District Contest, Indianapolis**

March 26 **Contest Registration Deadline for Southeast District Contest**

March 26 **Contest Registration Deadline for East District Contest**

March 27 **North District Contest, Notre Dame**

APRIL 2010

April 2 **Contest Registration Deadline for Southwest District Contest**

April 10 **Southeast District Contest, Nashville**

April 10 **East District Contest, Muncie**

April 17 **Southwest District Contest, Vincennes**

April 23 **State Contest Registration Deadline**

MAY 2010

May 8 **NHDI State Contest, University of Indianapolis**

May 18 **National Contest Registration Deadline**

JUNE 2010

June 13 through 17 **The 2010 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest, University of Maryland, College Park**

**NHDI SPONSOR:
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For up-to-date contest information, visit www.indianahistory.org/historyday.

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This list highlights Indiana-related and other topics and is provided to assist students as they begin to consider National History Day topics based on the 2010 theme, *Innovation in History: Impact and Change*. It is up to each student to research a topic and choose the most appropriate way to relate it to the theme.

For more topic ideas, see the National History Day theme book and the Web site at www.nhd.org/AnnualTheme.htm.

TOPIC SUGGESTIONS

Agriculture and Land

The Chill Plow: Innovation in Farming*
The Homestead Act: Land Innovation

Communication

BBC Radio: Connecting the World
Braille: Innovating Communication for the Blind
The Printing Press: Information Innovation

Government

Transforming Government: FDR and The New Deal
Brown v. The Board of Education: Ending Legal Segregation
Glastnost: Opening the USSR

Education

Title IX: Gender Equality in Education
Attempting to Transform Cultures: American Indian Boarding Schools

Medical

Vaccination: Preventing Illness and Death
Ryan White: Changing Awareness*
Col. Eli Lilly: Pharmaceutical Chemist and Business Entrepreneur*
Percy Julian: Creating Innovation While Overcoming Discrimination*
Indiana's Eugenics Laws*

Philanthropic

Lilly Endowment: Impacting Community and Culture in Indiana*

Transportation

Indiana's Interurbans: Transportation Innovation*
The National Road: Westward Settlement to 20th Century Auto Road*
Indiana's Canal Project*
Transportation Innovation at the Falls of the Ohio*
Wright Brothers: Innovation in Transportation*
The Silk Road: Innovation and Trade

Technology

Gatling Gun: Impact of Destruction*
Radar: Military Technology Transformed to Predict Weather
The Manhattan Project: Racing to the Atomic Age

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