

HISTORY FAIR 2012

The theme for this year's history fair is **Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History**. This topic has been introduced and discussed with students and now students need to begin narrowing their ideas and settle on a topic that fits the theme. This year's theme is wide open and students should be able to find a topic they are truly interested in AND be able to relate it to revolution, reaction, or reform. Choosing a great topic is crucial! The most important aspect of history fair is to make sure the chosen topic fits the theme. The topic should also be interesting enough to the student that spending time researching and learning more and more about the topic should be fun and not a chore.

Students' topics must be historically relevant, and it's important to be able to find many primary sources of information about the topic. During initial research, students will discover they've chosen a good topic based upon how easily they can find primary sources. If they find themselves struggling to find good sources, they will want to change their topic and there is still time to allow for that change.

Students will be instructed about various aspects of the history fair process in class on Fridays, but the majority of the work for the projects will be completed at home. Please keep the attached due dates to help keep you on track. Participating in the history fair is required and is a major part of the third quarter grade. Students who do well will move on to the regional and hopefully the state-wide and national history fairs. The national fair is held in Maryland (near D.C.) in June.

Students are allowed to work in small groups; however, parent and teacher permission is required (see attached). Students who work in groups will need to work at one another's houses in order to get their projects done. So if this is an option you are considering, make sure you can get transportation to and from your partners' houses if you'd like to work in a group, and that you will have weekends and some week nights to get together and work.

If you have any questions about history fair, the best source for you to go to for answers is nhd.org. This is the National History Day website. Please familiarize yourself with this website and go to it often for help.

DUE DATES:

PARENTAL CONSENT/ACCOUNTABILITY FORM & H.F. FOLDER	October 14
TOPIC/THEME STATEMENT	October 21
10 PRIMARY SOURCES (annotated bibliography included!)	November 4
10 MORE PRIMARY SOURCES AND 5 SECONDARY SOURCES (bib!)	November 18
CATEGORY (Choose from exhibit, performance, documentary, website)	December 2
PROCESS PAPER ROUGH DRAFT (w/annotated bib)	December 15
PRESENT PROJECT TO THE CLASS!	January 9-12
FINAL PROCESS PAPER (w/ annotated bib)	January 12
2012 LCA HISTORY FAIR!	January 23
Selected students REGISTER FOR REGIONAL FAIR	February 3
Selected students POST WEBSITE FOR JUDGING	March 9
Selected students NORTH REGION HISTORY FAIR @ WEBER STATE	March 23

