

National History Day Road Map

Taking a Stand in History

Research Check-in sessions (marked in purple) include important due dates. Be sure to add them to your planners.

NHD Deadlines for project registration and submission are marked in red and are not negotiable.

Date	Location	Topic/Assignment
September 6th		First Day of School
September 26th	Classroom	NHD Introduction. Read theme sheet together.
October 3rd	Library	Presearch → Source types, NHD website project page (school website), Databases, Library catalog
October 5th	Library	Topic selection forms handed out. Topic Search Session.
October 7th	Classroom	Question session. Extra help research times announced.
October 12th	Library	Research Check-in: Topic Selection Forms Due. Conferences Group Work Parent permission form due. Noodletools refresher and Noodletools individual sessions for new students.
October 14th	Library	Mind Mapping exercises for Essential Question development Extra help research times announced.
October 17th	Classroom	Examine project types. Examine judging sheets. Discussion about project type selection considerations.
October 21st	Library	Research Check-in: Essential Question sheets due. Advanced searching presentation.
October 28th	Library	Website evaluation exercise
November 1st - November 4th ERB Testing		
November 18th	Library	Research Check-in: Minimum 10 sources per student (at least 2 primary sources); notes/notecards; bibliography (annotations not required yet)
November 19th - December 12th Conduct independent research. Librarian available for conferences during Extra Help periods.		
December 13th	Library	Research Check-in: Conferences and Oral Presentation updates to classmates

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December 17th to January 2nd Winter Break		
January 6th	Classroom	Research Check-in: Outline, plan sheet, script or webmap due.
February 6th	Classroom	Papers & Websites due
February 8th	*Final Registration Due	
February 9th	Classroom	Exhibits due
February 10th	Classroom	Documentaries & Performances due
February 13th	Library	Feedback conferences. Annotated Bibliography work.
February 15th	Classroom	Research Check-in: Final process paper, cover page and bibliography due.
February 13th	*Papers Submission Deadline (PDF)	
February 17th	*Website Lockout at 11:59 pm	
*March 4th	Ayer-Shirley	Regional NHD Competition
March 11th - March 26th Spring Break		
April 8th	Bedford	State NHD Competition
Saturday in May	TBD	State Tune-up session (optional)
June 11th-June 15th	College Park, MD	National History Day Competition