

Students,

I am looking toward a very productive year with you. One of the major projects you will be expected to work on is National History Day. I am excited to list next year's theme which is, "**Rights and Responsibilities**". You can do either rights or responsibilities. Your topic doesn't have to include both.

My expectations for you to accomplish over the summer is to read the instructions on your project. The rules is listed at NHD.org.

### Get Started on Your Project

A National History Day® (NHD) project is your way of presenting your historical argument, research, and interpretation of your topic's significance in history. NHD projects can be created individually or as part of a group. Only the research paper has to be completed as an individual project and it may not be with a group or partner. After reading the Contest Rule Book and learning about the annual theme, you're ready to dig in!

You don't have to choose your topic at this time, unless you want to. Think if you want to work by yourself or with a partner or partners. I do limit the amount of people working as a group. If you need more than one partner, you will have to contact me and explain why you need more than one person helping you doing the research and creating this project. If you are thinking about a performance, I do allow up to five people for this group project. Think about what type of presentation it is you want to do. If you tried an exhibition board in your 7<sup>th</sup> grade, try something new. Broaden your horizons. Remember this is your project, but I will be working very closely with you when school picks up after the summer break.

To give you some ideas I stole this information from the Arkansas NHD website.

### Entries relating to rights

- Civil Rights and Social Change
- Civil Rights Movement (Twentieth Century)
- Labor Movement
- Voting and Voting Rights
- Women's Suffrage Movement
- Arkansas Civil Rights Act of 1993
- Arkansas Freedom of Information Act
- Arkansas Married Woman's Property Law
- Equal Rights Amendment
- Landlord-Tenant Laws

- Hilda Cornish
- John Gammon Jr.
- Zilphia Mae Johnson Horton
- Gertrude Newsome Jackson
- Jerry Mitchell
- Ira Eugene Sanders
- Mary Burnett Talbert
- Susan Bailey Thurman
- Rufus King Young
- Ed Whitfield
- Arkansas Woman Suffrage Association
- Council for the Liberation of Blacks
- Political Equality League
- Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
- Students United for Rights and Equality (SURE)

Entries relating to responsibilities

- Act 258 of 1909
- Act 76 of 1983
- Burrow v. Pocahontas School District
- Cude v. State
- Initiatives and Referenda
- Jim Dupree v. Alma School District No. 30
- Mitchell v. Globe International Publishing
- State v. Buzzard
- Arkansas Association of Colored Women
- Arkansas Colored Auxiliary Council of Defense
- Arkansas Council of Defense
- Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching
- Bioregionalism

- Levees and Drainage Districts
- Ozark Society
- Save the River Parks Campaign
- Superfund Sites
- Conscription
- Conscription (Civil War)
- Education, Elementary and Secondary
- Flu Epidemic of 1918
- Home Demonstration Clubs
- Sanitation
- Vaccination

I will be updating you with other ideas as you return to school. You can periodically check the LaGrange College NHD website and they will also update you on possible topics over the summer. Other states like Minnesota and California also have excellent ideas for NHD.

Have a great summer and when you return I will be asking you to sign a contract stating you have read the rules and then we will start to work on NHD.

Stan Shively