



What is National History Day in Nevada?

National History Day in Nevada is not just *a day* but *every day*! NHD is a yearlong educational program that culminates in a national contest each June in Maryland. Nevada history day students compete in the state contest each spring. First place winners from our two state contests are eligible to participate in the national contest. NHD engages students in grades 6-12 in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Students may enter the contest in a group project with two to five students or as individuals. NHD participants may create dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries, formal papers, or websites, based on research related to an annual theme. These projects are then evaluated at local, state, and national competitions. Students in public, private, and charter schools, as well as home-schoolers, compete in National History Day.

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critical thinking, writing, and research skills and boosts performance across all subjects.

- > NHD students outperform their non-NHD peers on state standardized tests in multiple subjects, including reading, science and math, as well as social studies.
- > NHD students are better writers, who write with a purpose and real voice, and marshal solid evidence to support their point of view.
- > NHD has a positive impact among students whose interest in academic subjects may wane in high school.

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students for college, career and citizenship.

- > NHD students learn 21st century college- and career-ready skills. They learn to collaborate with team members, talk to experts, manage their time and persevere.
 - > NHD students are critical thinkers who can digest, analyze and synthesize information.
- Performance assessments show that NHD students were 18% better overall than their peers at interpreting historical information — an average of 79% correct vs. 61% correct

Sponsors and Supporters

NHD in NV partners with many community organizations including, Nevada Humanities, the Nevada Historical Society, the Nevada State Museum the Nevada State Library and Archives and many more.

Benefits for Students

When students undertake a history day project, they learn college level research skills—how to use scholarly libraries and government archives, how to distinguish between primary and secondary sources, and how to use the Internet in ways that are acceptable to the academic community. Students gain confidence as they learn to use evidence to develop logical arguments and to present and defend their ideas to judges. The research, communication, and analytical skills acquired by active learning in the NHD program can be applied in any knowledge-based discipline in a student's future. Through history day, students have an outlet for intellectual curiosity and receive recognition for self-directed academic work. Intellectually creative students have an opportunity in NHD to form friendships with like-minded peers, and combine socializing with intellectual growth.

Why is NHD Useful?

National History Day gives students the opportunities to:

- Earn Scholarships
- Win Special Prizes (These are JUST some of the state awards – doesn't include nationals)
 - History Channel Award \$5,000
 - Holocaust Education History Award; \$1,000
 - Nevada History Award; \$50
 - George Washington Leadership Prize; \$150
 - ABC Clio; An amazon kindle and an iPod shuffle
- Create a Better Resume
 - Over half a million students compete in NHD every year. It is a nationally acclaimed project in which colleges recognize and a great resume booster.
- Compete at the state or national level
 - State competition at UNLV
 - National competition in College Park, Maryland.... Earn a trip to DC!!!