

2019 National History Day Triumph & Tragedy in History



PREPARING FOR THE COMPETITION

ORIENTATION & AWARDS CEREMONY

This year's competition day will begin with an orientation and a special keynote speaker, **Vinson Cunningham**, writer at *The New Yorker* and former Obama Administration staffer. All participating students will be recognized for their work and students, parents, and educators will receive information to help them navigate the day.

Please note that this year's competition day will **NOT** culminate with an Awards Ceremony. Rather, winners will receive their awards on the evening of **Tuesday, April 2**. On **Wednesday, March 13**, educators will receive email notification of students who have won any type of prize without rankings or specifics.

REGISTRATION

All participating students must register at the **New York Academy of Medicine** located on 103rd Street between Madison and Fifth Avenue.

Please remember that March 10 is daylight savings – set your clocks forward!

- **Starting at 8:15 am:** Mandatory registration for *all* students participating in the Exhibit Board category.
- **By 9:00 am:** Set-up completed for *all* students participating in the Exhibit Board category.
- **Starting at 8:45 am:** Registration for students in the Documentary, Website, Historical Paper, and Performance categories.

With the exception of student participants in the Exhibit Board category, no one will be permitted inside the New York Academy of Medicine until **8:45 am**. Please understand we cannot make any exceptions.

WHERE

All students must first register at the **New York Academy of Medicine**, as indicated. Interviews will take place in the following buildings as indicated on student folders, which they will receive at registration.

- **The Museum of the City of New York**, located on Fifth Avenue between 103rd Street and 104th Street
- **The Reece School**, located on 104th Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue
- **The New York Academy of Medicine**, located on 103rd Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue

MATERIALS

All students must bring **5 copies of their annotated bibliographies and 5 copies of their process papers without their school name**. The only exception to this rule is students competing in the Historical Paper category. Students in the **Paper category must bring 3 copies of their paper, without their school name**.

Exhibit Board participants may bring materials – tape, glue, scissors, etc. – in case they need to make any last minute fixes. We will provide *some extension cords* for student use, but we encourage you to bring your own if you need one. Adults are *not* allowed to help with set up.

TECHNOLOGY

Documentary spaces will be equipped with Smart Boards. Students should have several ways to screen their documentary in the event technology fails, ex. Jump/USB drive, laptop, DVD. If a student uses his or her own computer to show the documentary, the judges will view it directly on the laptop screen.

Website spaces will have computers for judges *but* students should be prepared to respond to questions *without* their websites visible, as judges will have reviewed websites in advance of the competition.

FOR DOCUMENTARIES AND PERFORMANCES

Students participating in the performance and documentary categories are *required* to observe one of their peers' presentations. Each student will observe the project after their own, with the exception of the final presentation of the day who will *not* observe another project. Students who present just before a judge break should come back for the following project presentation (check signage outside of room on Competition Day). The observation allows participants to learn from their peers' work. Parents and teachers may be allowed to observe, depending upon space in the judging room and at the discretion of the hall monitor. Students have priority when observing and all students and adults must abide by the judges' decision to leave the judge area if it is too crowded or noisy. Adults are *not* allowed to help with set up for either category.

RUN-OFFS

Run-offs are when there is more than one judging bracket in a category. Thus, judges re-evaluate the top contenders in that category to determine which projects will move on to the *New York State History Day* competition. There is *no student interview* during the run-

off round. **If your category is listed below, please review the following information very carefully.**

The following categories will have a run-off round:

- Junior Papers
- Senior Papers
- Junior Individual Exhibits
- Junior Group Exhibits
- Senior Individual Exhibits
- Senior Group Exhibits
- Junior Individual Documentaries
- Junior Group Documentaries
- Senior Group Documentaries
- Junior Individual Websites
- Junior Group Websites
- Senior Individual Websites
- Senior Group Websites

If your category is listed above, please read the following:

- Students will **not** be interviewed a second time during run-offs. Their work must stand on its own.
- **For the exhibit, paper, and website categories**, students **will not know** which projects will be considered during the run-off round.
- **Before the exhibit run-off**, the exhibit judging rooms will be open to the public for a designated period of time. All exhibit boards must remain on view until 4pm at which time they must be removed. They will not be kept by the Museum.
- **For all documentaries**, students must note the run-off time posted outside of their interview room and return at the indicated time to see if they must present their entry a second time. The student(s) **must** be present to show their documentary a second time if they are requested to do so, but they will not be interviewed again. **If chosen students are not present for the run-off round, they may lose their chance to win a prize.**

DOWNTIME

During the day when the students are not being interviewed, we encourage all participants and their families to enjoy activities.

At the Museum of the City of New York:

- Explore the galleries - free admission throughout the day!
- Participate in tours of exhibitions at select times
- Browse the two award winning gift shops with your discount!
- Enjoy a History Day discount at Amy's Bread Café

At the New York Academy of Medicine:

- Watch a historical documentary
- View the student Exhibit Boards
 - Junior Exhibits: 1 – 1:30pm
 - Senior Exhibits: 1:15 – 1:45pm
- Attend a drop-in Teen Chat Room to share your thoughts about future programming for teens. Treats included!