

2020 National History Day

Breaking Barriers in History



QUESTIONS JUDGES MIGHT ASK

- Was there a particular source you found most useful during your research?
- What is the most important point you are trying to convey about your work?
- What is the most important thing you learned from completing this entry?
- Why did you pick this topic? What gave you the idea to do this topic?
- As you did your research, what surprised you the most about this topic?
- What did you find most difficult about doing the research for this entry?
- How did you come up with the script or design for your entry?
- Why did _____ (the person or people who are the subject of the entry) get involved in _____ (what they got involved in)?
- How does your topic relate to this year's theme "Breaking Barriers in History"?
- What kinds of barriers (physical, societal, etc.) did you identify as you researched this topic?
- If you researched an individual, what were the biggest barriers faced by this person?
- If you researched an event, what were the most important factors that caused this event to occur?
- What were the most important consequences of this _____ (event or person's actions)?
- Why is this topic significant for our understanding of the past?