

History Fair Website Rules

Websites are the most interactive History Fair category. Your website should be a collection of web pages, interconnected by hyperlinks, that present your **historical research, analysis, and interpretation through primary and secondary sources (text and non-text), and interactive multimedia.**

RULE 1: All entries must be constructed through the **NHD Website Editor** or it will NOT be eligible to participate in the History Fair. Your URL will look like: <http://12345678.nhd.weebly.com> . Individual or groups up to five students may produce websites.

RULE 2: Website entries may contain **no more than 1,200 student-composed words**. The following do not count toward the word limit: quotations or scans of text sources, credits, recurring menus, and the required Annotated Bibliography and Summary Statement Form. Also “hidden words” for coding or text tagging do not count. (See the NHD rule book for a complete list of text excluded from the word limit.) You may use preexisting professional photos, video, music, etc., within the site with proper credit. (such as, “Photo from Addie Wyatt Papers, Harsh Collection, Chicago Public Library”).

RULE 3: You must **operate all equipment and software used for editing**. For example, equipment includes the computers, cameras, and scanners. You may receive help and advice from teachers and parents on the mechanical aspects of creating your entry, but the work must be your own.

RULE 4: One page of the site must serve as the “**home page**.” It must include the student name(s), entry title, division, and main menu.

RULE 5: The content and appearance of a page cannot change when the page is refreshed in the browser. Random text or image generators are not allowed. Pages must be interconnected with hyperlinks. Automatic redirects are not permitted. Entries may not link to live or external sites, except to direct viewers to software plug-ins.

RULE 6: The entire site, including all multimedia, must be **no more than 100MB**. Each multimedia clip may not last more than 45 seconds. You may record quotes and primary source materials for dramatic effect, but you may not narrate your own compositions or explanatory material. There is no limit to the number of clips you may use as long as you don’t go over the file size limit. If you use any multimedia that requires a specific software to view (e.g, Flash, QuickTime, Real Player), you must provide a link to an internet site where the software is available as a free, secure, and legal download.

RULE 7: The menu (organization of the website) must include a “**References**” tab that holds the Summary Statement Form and Annotated Bibliography.

RULE 8: The pages that comprise the site must be viewable in a **standard web browser** (e.g., Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari). You are responsible for ensuring that your entry is viewable in multiple web browsers.

RULE 9: You must submit your URL, username, and password to the History Fair by the deadline. You may not edit your site during judging—it will be locked. Advancing projects will be given another opportunity for revision.

RULE 10: You must comply with other History Fair rules: