

To: Parents/ Guardians of Julia Landon College Preparatory Students
Re: Social Studies Eight Grade History Fair Requirements
From: Ms. England
Mrs. Buttiglieri

All eighth grade student at Julia Landon College Preparatory and Leadership Development School are required to participate in the National History Day project. The theme this year is “Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in History.” The website <http://www.nhd.org/Contest.htm> is a useful tool for students and parents to help guide you through the stages of the project. The site has procedures on how to create a project, the rules, sample topics, helpful websites, and examples of projects. Additionally, you may print a copy of the five category timelines from our Website, www.duvalschools.org/landon.

Your child’s social studies teacher will be introducing the History Fair project, teaching research skills, and providing a class period at the school media center for research. The NHD project is an outside class assignment and students may need to visit the public library for more research in the next few months. They can also visit UNF Library or JU Library to further their research.

Try to guide your child away from websites for extensive research. Many times students do not use these sources correctly and the websites they use are not creditable. For example, Wikipedia is NOT an acceptable website and should not be listed as one of the seven (minimum) sources in the bibliography.

Students have the opportunity to choose from the five categories and may work individually or in groups of no more than five students. The five categories are Paper, Exhibit, Performance, Documentary, and Website. Please be advised that the paper category is an individual project only.

Students working together in groups will each receive the same grade for their group’s project. While group projects can be enjoyable they do present their own set of challenges. Life happens to us all and the consequences of one member not following through on their work due to any circumstance will be the consequences of the whole team. Please sign below indicating you are aware of the group policy and that you give permission for your child to work with the following group of students. Once work has started, students may not switch groups or opt for an individual project.

List group member names (including your child):

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
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I give permission for my child to work with this group of students.

Parent Signature

Date