

Should I work alone or with a partner/s?

Embarking on your journey for National History Day, you will have many decisions to make. A very important first step is to determine whether you will work alone or choose to work with others. If you choose to work with partners, there are a few things to consider before you make this important decision. Will your choice of partners help to make the process faster, more efficient, and enjoyable? Or, will they slow you down by not holding up their end of the work or missing due dates that could reflect in your grade. What are some of the qualities you would find in a good partner? Good partners are:

- ✓ Responsible
- ✓ They have a good work ethic
- ✓ They share the work load
- ✓ They are motivated
- ✓ They are self-starters
- ✓ They are organized
- ✓ They are creative
- ✓ They are peacemakers
- ✓ They are technology savvy
- ✓ They are fun coordinators
- ✓ And, they finish what they start.

A poor choice of partners would be people who oftentimes choose to be:

- ✓ Procrastinators, or...
- ✓ Lazy and don't help much, or...
- ✓ Comedians who provide a lot of laughs, but little effort, or ...
- ✓ Are simply looking for you to "carry" them through the project, or...
- ✓ A friend that you feel obligated to.

There are advantages and disadvantages to working with partners so, be sure of your motives and your selection. As long as the people you are working with will support your efforts and ultimately help you reach the outcome you desire you can move forward with ease and enjoy the process.