



History Day Mentor for Students

You've decided to participate in History Day, that's excellent! Once you've decided on a category to participate in and a topic to research, a *History Day Mentor for Students* can provide you additional assistance as you finish your project.

What does a *History Day Mentor for Students* do?

A *History Day Mentor for Students* is a working professional who has skills appropriate to the category (website, performance, exhibit, etc.) you've selected to participate in and have participated in the History Day program in various capacities. These professionals are donating their time to help guide students. They understand the judging process and are willing to answer your category specific questions via email and/or telephone. Think of these mentors as an extra coach with a special interest or expertise in your project category! A mentor can teach you about a specific issue or coach you on a particular skill. They may help facilitate your growth by sharing resources and networks or may challenge you to move beyond your comfort zone.

Your mentor may suggest ways and strategies to:

- create an original, organized, and theme-appropriate project;
- show analysis and interpretation in your presentation and written material;
- present a visually impactful entry that complies with all category rules;
- find category resources online or in the community;
- understand the judging process and characteristics of winning History Day entries; and
- prepare you on what to expect the day of competition.

What does a *History Day Mentor for Students* not do?

Mentors will NOT:

- help you select a topic relevant to the theme;
- conduct your research; nor create, write, edit, or build your entry;
- directly judge your projects formally per NHD rules, but rather can provide general comments;
- answer questions about the timeline, logistics, and registration process for History Day events, please contact your teacher or one of the Sacramento County Coordinators, not your mentor.

Contacting a History Day Mentor for Students

Navigating the History Day program can be daunting, however with a mentor to assist you will soon be sailing along like a pro.

You may contact the appropriate mentors directly via the email address listed below. As a courtesy, type in the subject line of the email: **History Day Mentor**. In your introductory email include your name and contact information. Please keep your messages short and to the point, being mindful of your mentor's time, and allow five working days for a response.

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