

BROWARD COUNTY HISTORY FAIR 2010 RULE BOOK

“Innovation in History: Impact and Change”

1. Questions to Ask when Selecting a Topic...?

- How is my topic important?
- How was my topic significant in history in relation to the National History Day Theme?
- How did my topic develop over time?
- How did my topic influence history?
- How did the events and atmosphere (social, economic, political, and cultural aspects) of my topic’s time period influence my topic in history?

2. EXHIBIT CATEGORY

- An exhibit is a visual representation of your research and interpretation of your topic’s significance in history, much like a small museum exhibit. The analysis and interpretation of your topic must be clear and evident to the viewer. Labels and captions should be used creatively with visual images and objects to enhance the message of your exhibit. You may work as an individual or in a group (maximum 3 people)

- Rule 1: Size Requirements:

The overall size of your exhibit when displayed for judging must be no larger than 40 inches wide, 30 inches deep, and 6 feet high. Measurement of the exhibit does not include the table on which it rests; however, it would include any stand that you create and any table drapes. Circular or rotating exhibits or those meant to be viewed from all sides must be no more than 30 inches in diameter. (see diagram below)

- Rule 2: Word Limit

There is a 500 word-limit that applies to all text created by the student that appears on or as part of an exhibit entry. This includes the text you write for titles, subtitles, captions, graphs, timelines, media devices (e.g., video, slides, computer files) or supplemental materials (e.g., photo albums, scrapbooks, etc.) where you use your own words.

NOTE: A date counts as one word, while each word in a name is individually counted. For example, January 1, 2006 counts as one word, but John Quincy Adams counts as three. Words such as “a,” “the” and “of” are counted as one word each.

Brief citations crediting the sources of illustrations or quotations included on the exhibit do not count toward the 500-word limit.

3. Required Written Materials for all Entries

- Entries must include four copies of the following written materials in the following order:
 1. A title page as described in Rule 13.
 2. A process paper as described in Rule 14 (process papers are not required for Historical Paper entries)
 3. An annotated bibliography as described in Rule 15.
- These materials must be typed or neatly printed on plain white paper and stapled together in the top left corner. Do not enclose them in a cover or binder.

Rule 13: Title Page

A title page is required as the first page of written material in every category. Your title page must include only the title of your entry, your name(s) and the contest division and category in which you are entered.

For participation in the County Fair, schools will be assigned a number which must be listed on all written information.

Note: The title page must not include any other information (pictures, graphics, borders, school name, or grade) except for that described in this rule.

TITLE
STUDENT(S) NAME(S) DIVISION

Rule 14: Process Paper

A process paper is a description of no more than 500 words explaining how you conducted your research and created and developed your entry. All categories except historical papers must include a process paper with their entry. The process paper should include the following four sections: (1) explain how you chose your topic, (2) explain how you conducted your research, (3) explain how you selected your presentation category and created your project and (4) explain how your project relates to the annual theme. A sample process paper has been sent as an attachment.

Rule 15: Annotated Bibliography

An annotated bibliography is required for all categories. It should contain all sources that provided usable information or new perspectives in preparing your entry. You will look at many more sources than you actually use. You should list only those sources that contributed to the development of your entry. Sources of visual materials and oral interviews must be included. The annotations for each source must explain how you used the source and how it helped you understand your topic. Annotations of web sites should include a description of who sponsors the site. For example:

Bates, Daisy. *The Long Shadow of Little Rock*, New York; David McKay Co., Inc., 1962.

Daisy Bates was the president of the Arkansas NAACP and the one who met and listened to the students each day. This first hand account was very important to my paper because it made me more aware of the feelings of the people it involved.

Rule 17: Style Guides

Style for citations and bibliographic references must follow the principles in one of the following style guides:

- Joseph Gibaldi, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 5th edition.

Rule 18: Plagiarism

You must acknowledge in your annotated bibliography all sources used in your entry. Failure to credit sources is plagiarism and will result in disqualification.