RESOURCES FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

Do you need primary sources?

- Search the artifacts section of <u>History Explorer</u> (<u>www.historyexplorer.si.edu</u>) or the <u>collections section</u> on the <u>Museum's main page</u> (<u>http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/</u>). Use the phrase "National History Day" and the year of your competition or keywords related to your topic of interest in your search. Note the Museum's <u>policy on image use for school projects</u> (http://americanhistory.si.edu/about/fags):
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- Try searching the Smithsonian Institution's <u>Collections Search Center</u> (http://collections.si.edu/search/). Under the search box, be sure to check the box that reads "only return results with online media."

Do you need <u>advice</u> on conducting historical research or developing narratives based on primary sources including historical artifacts?

- Read the essay "Looking at Artifacts, Thinking About History", written by Smithsonian staff, which offers five ways to look at artifacts in history: through the stories they tell, the way they illustrate connections among people, their many meanings, the moments they capture, and the way they reflect change over time (http://www.objectofhistory.org/quide/).
- Hear from curators about how they conduct research and develop stories for exhibitions in the <u>Creating Stories electronic field trip</u> from our exhibition <u>America on the Move</u> (http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/learning/AOTM education 2.wvx).
- Listen to the <u>"Backstage at the Museum" podcast</u> by the Museum's Creative Director for Theater Programs to learn how he researches and creates museum theater programs (http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/podcasts/history-explorer-historic-theater-join-student-sit-ins).

Do you need secondary sources?

- Consult your school or local library, or check out the Library of Congress's <u>Young</u> Readers Center for book lists and recommended readings (http://www.read.gov/teens/).
- Search <u>History Explorer</u> (<u>www.historyexplorer.si.edu</u>) to find related online exhibitions written by curators and lessons with background information. Use "National History Day" and the year of your competition or other keywords related to your topic of interest in your search.



