

National History Day – Paper Project Rubric

Presentation Concept	1	2	3	4
Thesis Presence	Thesis is not present in the paper	Thesis is present, but is not clearly maintained throughout most of the paper	Thesis is present and is clearly maintained throughout most of the paper	Thesis is present and clearly maintained throughout the entire paper
Historical Accuracy	Historical accuracy is seriously flawed. Includes two or more major errors of fact or misinterpretations	Historical accuracy is in question. Includes one major or four or more minor errors of fact or misinterpretation	Historical accuracy is strong. Contains no major errors of fact or misinterpretations	Historical accuracy is exceptionally strong. There are no evident errors of fact or misinterpretations
Balanced Presentation	Presentation lacks balance, presents only one point of view of the topic	Presentation lacks balance, gives little attention to alternative views of the topic	Presentation is balanced, examines thoroughly other views of the topic	Presentation is exceptionally balanced, examines and presents multiple points of view of the topic
Paper Organization	The paper is unorganized	The paper shows some organization, but those choices are not always logical	The paper's organization is almost always logical and easy to follow	The paper's organization is always logical and easy to follow
Presentation Format	Paper conveys the thesis in a very basic way. The paper does not establish a unified and fluent argument but instead appears segmented or disjointed. The student's voice is not clear throughout the paper.	Paper conveys the thesis in creative or original ways. The paper begins to establish a unified and fluent argument although at times it may appear segmented or disjointed. The student's voice is present in the paper.	Paper conveys the thesis in creative and original ways. The paper establishes a unified and fluent argument and rarely appears segmented or disjointed. The student's voice is clear in the paper.	Paper conveys the thesis in extremely original and creative ways. The paper clearly establishes a unified and fluent argument. The student's voice is strong and clear throughout the paper.
Rules Compliance	Violates a major rule: 1. Length (1500-2500 words) 2. Attributes all sources with in text citation, footnotes, or endnotes	Violates a major rule but clear methods of correction are available	Complies with all major rules but may have a minor infraction	No major or minor infractions

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