

National History Day – Research and Sources Rubric

Research Concept	1	2	3	4
Credible Sources	Many sources are not credible for one of the following reasons: outdated, questionable source and/or extremely biased without balancing opinions	The credibility of some sources is questionable because they are outdated, questionable or extremely biased without balancing opinions	Sources are mostly always credible and come from reputable sources and reflect up to date and balanced information on the topic	Sources are completely credible, reputable, up-to-date when appropriate and balanced
Quality and Variety of Sources	Research is too narrow. Sources are not varied, relies exclusively on too few sources and excludes key sources which can be readily obtained	Research is narrow. Sources, while varied, do not reflect great depth of research and may exclude a key source which can be readily obtained	Research is strong. Sources are varied and include all key readily-obtainable sources. Includes both primary and secondary sources	Research is exceptional. Sources are varied and include many advanced sources. Includes a wealth of both primary and secondary sources
Process Paper	The process paper does not answer all four questions* and provides little insight into the research process	The process paper answers all four questions* but provides little insight into the research process	The process paper effectively answers all four questions* and provides insight into the research process	The process paper effectively answers all four questions*, provides insight into the research process and does an exceptional job of explaining connection to theme
Bibliography	May not list all sources in the bibliography, most sources do not follow the proper format including but not limited to the omission of annotations	Appears to list all the sources, but the format is not always consistent or correct including but not limited to overly brief or non-descriptive annotations	Despite small errors, All sources are listed and properly annotated, primary and secondary sources are separated	Without error, all sources are listed and properly annotated, primary and secondary sources are separated

Totals

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