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# NATIONAL HISTORY DAY In Louisiana

#### — WHAT IS NATIONAL HISTORY DAY? —

National History Day is a program that allows students to explore local, state, national, or world history through a research project that relates to an annual theme. The theme for 2011 is Debate and Diplomacy in History: *Successes, Failures, Consequences.* During the course of the research project, students



investigate both **primary** and **secondary** sources. Students get up close and personal with history by exploring the words or thoughts of those who lived them as well as the interpretations of later scholars.

#### — HOW DOES — HISTORY DAY WORK?

Students select and research a topic, which relates to the Annual Theme. After analyzing and interpreting their findings, students present them in one of five ways: documentary, exhibit, performance, paper, or web site. Students may enter as individuals or in groups of two to five students. The paper category is for individual students only.

Students participate in either the **Junior Division** (grades 6-8) or in the **Senior Division** (grades 9-12).

Students present their entry at a regional competition. If the project is selected as a winner there, students are eligible to participate in the **Louisiana History Day** competition, held in New Orleans at The National WWII Museum. Winners there advance to the **National History Day** competition, held at the University of Maryland in College Park, just outside of Washington, D.C.

#### - WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE -HISTORY DAY PROGRAM?

The National History Day program is open to students in grades 6-12. All types of students participate in History Day—public, private, parochial, and home school students; urban and rural students; academically gifted and average students; and students with special needs. All Louisiana students in grades 6-12 can participate in Louisiana History Day and National History Day.

### 2011 HISTORY DAY SCHEDULE

Louisiana Regional Competitions March 12-26, 2011

> Louisiana History Day April 16, 2011

National History Day June 12–16, 2011

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT HISTORY DAY?



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