

## National History Day Project

Next week, starting on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> students will begin working on their History Day projects. This year, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade has decided to do these projects as a unit and will be working through the 2 weeks before Thanksgiving break, and one week after on completing these projects. We have designed this unit around Thanksgiving in order to give students ample time to conceptualize, build, and complete their entire History Day project. This will not only involve in class time, but will most likely will need to be worked on over the Thanksgiving break. We encourage parents to help their students in completing this interesting and enlightening project!

### Theme

This year's theme is *Conflict and Compromise in History*. The intentional selection of the theme for NHD is to provide an opportunity for students to push past the antiquated view of history as mere facts and dates and drill down into historical content to develop perspective and understanding. This theme allows for a large range of subjects, as any subject that highlights human conflict and/or compromise fits.

Some examples of topics that fit into the theme of Conflict and Compromise:

- The Indian Removal Act of 1830
- The Pullman Strike
- The Truman Doctrine
- Theodore Roosevelt and the Completion of the Panama Canal
- Sikhs and Hindus: A History of Conflict and Compromise
- The Crimean War
- The Iran Hostage Crisis: Coming to a Compromise
- Athens, Sparta, and the Battle of Marathon

### Project Options

- Research Paper
- Documentary
- Website
- Performance

(Exhibits or Poster boards will not be accepted unless under special condition)

### Due Dates

- Project Topic Proposals (Must have 3 possible topics) – November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Thesis statement on chosen topic – November 9<sup>th</sup>
- List of primary and secondary sources (research information) – November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Outline for Project – November 14<sup>th</sup>
- Final Project – December 5<sup>th</sup>