



2020-2021 New York State Virtual History Day

Website Guidelines

The New York State History Day regional and state contests will be **virtual** in 2021. We hope that by announcing this information early, it will help students craft their final projects with a clear vision of how judges will view their work. The following instructions explain how students should prepare and submit **NHD websites** for judging at the regional and state contests next spring. The national office will announce in early 2021 if the national contest will be virtual or in-person. If you have questions about these instructions, please contact NYSHD interim state coordinator Crystal Johnson at nyshd@nhd.org or 312.339.0643.

Don't forget! There is a new *Rule Book* for this school year!

No matter which category you choose, students should read the rules for all categories, as well as the category-specific rules. The new 2021 *Rule Book* is available for download here:

<https://nyshd.weebly.com/rule-book-new.html>

And a new evaluation rubric too!

National History Day is also shifting to a new evaluation rubric. As you think about how to construct your final project, remember that 80% of your evaluation will be based on historical quality and 20% will be on clarity of presentation. The new evaluation rubric will help you make sure you are addressing all of the essential elements of an NHD website:

<https://www.nhd.org/sites/default/files/NHDEvaluationFormsRound1Website.pdf>

Websites and the virtual contest

Please remember that NHDWebCentral (<https://website.nhd.org/>) **must be used to build and create ALL websites**. Complete instructions on creating an account, getting started, and other tips are available in the new **NHDWebCentral guide here**:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HBpFvkHALO4yIbVehbkZQo8qOQtCkv12/view?usp=sharing>.

You must upload your process paper and annotated bibliography to your website. DO NOT link to Google Drive or a similar shared drive. Your process paper and bibliography must appear within the site. External links are not allowed.

Important contest planning note! During registration, website participants will provide their website's 8-digit code found in the URL. Websites will "freeze" at 11:59 p.m. on the registration deadline and will not unfreeze until after the contest. **You will not be able to edit the website after the registration deadline, so please make sure that it is ready to be viewed by the judges in advance of the deadline.**

Have a great NHD experience!