

# The History Day Project

## Project

Thankfully, many History Day participants share their projects online. Both students and educators benefit from observing projects from past contests.

## Helpful Hints and Sample Projects



See Jethro Abatayo and Logan Gibert (Pleasant Valley Middle School) use steady, clear narration to discuss Vietnam POWs in this 2014 gold-medal film.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omig6fjpWqg>

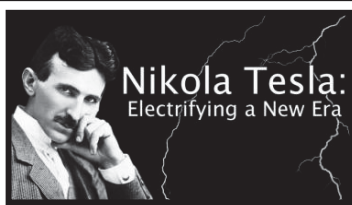
### Documentary Hint:

Consider the pace at which information is presented. Viewers need time to see, hear and comprehend what is shown. The narrator must speak clearly and slowly enough to be understood.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGALZvUJsos>



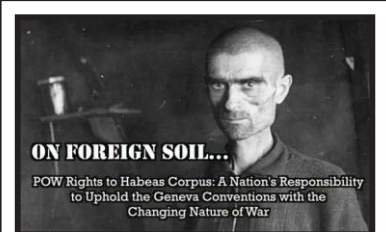
See Heni Barnes (Coupeville High School) examine the Pacific NW lumber strike in her 2013 gold-medal film.



See Ethan Perrin, Anand Nambakam and Kevin Nakahara (STEM) explore Tesla's impact in their 2013 gold-medal film.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOFwKpXvUj0>

### Documentary Hint:

Choose photo and video clips that are relatively clear and consider how best to display them and transition between them in the film.



See Carlisle Boyle (Redmond High School) select photos and video clips that are both relevant and visually clear.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nX69JUbm0E>



See Anand Raghuraman, Tian Kisch, Raluca Ifrim, and Maya and Tara Balaskrishnan (Redmond High School) cover American Imperialism in their 2011 silver-medal film.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DL2ZcqSRnzU&list=UUeo4E8Nkxg3EnaJcLQCRCzw>

### Green revolution unites labor, environmentalists



See Samhita Karnati and Maya, Tara, and Lila Balakrishnan (Redmond High School) investigate sustainable crops in their 2012 gold-medal film.  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6lds\\_RK6XM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6lds_RK6XM)

### Documentary Hint:

Adjust audio levels. If multiple clips play at one time (like narration with background music) the most important sounds should be the loudest. Also strive for a consistent volume throughout the film.



See Samhita Karnati (Redmond Junior High) use audio/video interviews to introduce her topic and support her thesis in her 2011 gold-medal film.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7Px39IXGwE&list=UUSetihHuSBV9GHArta14NZw>