

The History Day Project

Rules: By Entry Type

Students and educators should read category-specific rules before students start planning and developing their entries.

Website Rules

- **WORD LIMIT AND FILE SIZE**
 - No more than 1,200 student-composed words
 - Does not include code, alternate text tags, brief credits, menus, titles, navigation instructions, process paper, or bibliography
 - Entire site may be no more than 100MB
- **CONSTRUCTION**
 - Students must produce an original website using the NHD Weebly site editor
 - Students must run all software and equipment
 - Website must have a homepage with name(s), title, division, website word count, process paper word count, and navigation
 - All pages must connect via hyperlinks
 - Must use stable content and no auto-redirects
 - Site must be viewable in a standard browser
 - All photos, video, music, documents etc. must be contained within the website
 - No external links are allowed (except for media software download, as stated below)
 - Quotes and visual sources must be credited in the website and cited in the bibliography
- **MEDIA (video clips, audio clips, music)**
 - Media may not exceed four minutes total
 - If specific media software is required to view, students must link to a free, legal download
- **REQUIRED PAPERWORK**
 - Process paper and annotated bibliography must be integrated into the website and included in the site navigation
- **SUBMISSION:** Site URL must be submitted by the given deadline (it's prior to the contest!)

Counting Words

Dates: count as one word (May 6, 1770 = 1).

Names: *Each part* counts as one word (John Quincy Adams = 3).

Captions

Captions go in the website and explain or give context to items shown in the site.

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States.

VS.

Credits

Brief, factual credits go in the website and help locate the item in the bibliography.

**Portrait of Abraham Lincoln, 1860,
Smithsonian Institution**

VS.

Citations

Citations go in the bibliography and show where the item came from.

**Hesler, Alex. *Abraham Lincoln*. 1860.
Smithsonian Archives, Washington, D.C.
Smithsonian Institution Archives. Web.
1 May 2014.**

The screenshot shows a website titled "The Caste System of India" with a search bar and navigation tabs: HOME, CONTEXT, BEFORE BRITISH RULE, VIEWPOINTS, HUMAN RIGHTS, SIGNIFICANCE, REFERENCES. Below the navigation is a collage of images, including a woman wearing a headband that says "cast out Caste". Below the images is a "Thesis Statement" section with the following text: "In an effort to increase their colonial profits, the British took advantage of Hinduism beliefs to transition India into a nation where the caste system defined the society and government. The subsequent Indian government also neglected its responsibility to intervene, thus continuing the violation of basic human rights. As a result of an abandoned responsibility on behalf of the British and Indian governments, lower caste Indians faced, and continue to face, degraded living conditions, a lack of religious freedom, and limited opportunities in life."

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See the **NHD Rule Book** for a complete list of rules and appendix **Worksheet 5** for a checklist including rules compliance. Paperwork rules are discussed in the Paperwork section (p.21-22).