**National History Day Checklist:**

**Annotated Bibliography**- Your annotated bibliography should be completed with citations and annotations for 5 sources, 2 of the 5 need to be primary sources. If you are using any additional sources in your project you should provide citations for them and they should appear in alphabetical order. In addition, the proper way to format an NHD annotated bibliography is to separate your primary and secondary sources.

**Title Page**- Your project should have a title page that contains the following information: Your division (Senior Individual/Senior Group) Your Category (Website, Documentary, Exhibit, Paper or Performance) Your name (or all group member names) You Word Count (make sure it is within the project requirements)

**Process Paper –** Your process paper should be completed at the end of your project, it is designed to serve as a reflection on the process of your research and project creation. Your process paper can be no longer than 500 words but should be at least 400 words. Within your process paper you should answer the following questions in paragraph format: *How did you choose your topic? How did you conduct your research? How did you select your presentation category and create your project? How does your project reflect the NHD theme: Triumph & Tragedy?*

**Project –** Your project needs to be ready to view and judge in school on February 15/16. If you are working on a research paper it needs to be handed in the class day before National History Day. If you are creating a website/documentary/exhibit or performance you should be able to have everything finalized and ready to present to the judges on February 15/16.

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| **Category** | **Paper** | **Exhibit** | **Website** | **Performance** | **Documentary** |
| **What you need the day of NHD** | Three copies of your title page, research paper and annotated bibliography stapled together. | Your exhibit should be dropped off in the library the morning of NHD. You should have 3 copies of your title page, process paper and annotated bibliography. | Your website should be published on weebly. Your process paper and annotated bibliography should be linked to your website. Title page info should be stated on your homepage | You should have any props or set dressings or music necessary to perform your project. In addition, you should have 3 copies of your title page, process paper and annotated bibliography. | Your documentary should be complete and ready to play in a suitable file format. In addition, you should have 3 copies of your title page, process paper and annotated bibliography. |

**National History Day Presentation Planning Guide**

On February 15th/16th you will be explaining your research and project to a group of judges. When your time with the judges begins you will have 2-5 minutes to provide them with a brief overview of your project. You may have notecards to help you with this short presentation or you can forgo notecards but either way you should address the following (the bolded questions, 4 and 5, are the most important to address):

1. What is your topic and why did you pick it?
2. What did you learn through your research on your topic?
3. How does your topic relate to the NHD theme of Triumph and Tragedy?
4. **What is your thesis statement?**
5. **How does your project prove your thesis statement?**