***National History Day – Overview***

**Scope of the Project:**

For the next 6 months, you will be completing a research project for the National History Day Competition. For this project, you will be selecting your own topic and group members (or you can work individually). Your topic should focus on some aspect of United States History AND must in some way connect to the National History Day theme of Triumph and Tragedy.

To submit this project, you will be asked to complete the following:

1. Research your topic thoroughly with both primary and secondary sources.
2. Develop a clear thesis statement that showcases both your topic and the NHD theme.
3. Use your research to create an annotated bibliography.
4. Create a product of one of the following: research paper/exhibit/website/documentary or performance that allows you to prove your thesis statement to an audience.
5. Reflect on your project and what you have learned.
6. Defend and explain your thesis statement and research to NHD judges

**Let’s get started!**

**Brainstorm:** What topics have interested you in United States History? (examples: wars, political movements, social movements, influential individuals)

**Brainstorm:** What comes to mind when you think about the NHD theme: *Triumph and Tragedy*?

***National History Day – Topic Selection Form***

What topic would you like to research for NHD?

How does this topic relate to the NHD theme; *Triumph and Tragedy*?

What primary sources have you found that relate to your topic? Please explain at least 2 sources.

1.

2.

What questions do you hope to answer about your topic with your research?

Write down any keywords that you could use as jump off points to help you with more detailed research in the future.