

# LEADERSHIP & LEGACY *in history*

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies classes will be participating in National History Day this year. For the past two years TCMS has hosted the regional NHD Competition and some of our MERIT students have gone on to compete in state and national competitions. We are very pleased to add National History Day to our full 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. All of the state literacy standards in social studies will be met through the process of creating an NHD project. Teachers will be working closely with the Media Center Specialist and Thomas County Historical Society to help students with research. One class each week will be devoted to NHD work. Your student may choose to create an individual or group project in the exhibit or webpage division. When choosing a group project please choose group members wisely. Groups may include 2 – 5 students. Group members **MUST** work together inside and outside of class from August through December. Students whose projects meet all requirements may choose to continue on to regional competition in February.

**Project Deadlines: These dates are a general time frame. Dates may need to be revised as we go through the school year.**

August 18 – Broad topic due, decision on group members or individual  
 October 3 – 10 notecards due (5 from primary sources and 5 from secondary sources)  
 October 20 – Rough draft of annotated bibliography due, 10 sources minimum  
 November 3 – Thesis statement; specific topic due  
 November 10 – Completed annotated bibliography due  
 November 17 – Rough draft of process paper due  
 December 15 – Projects due in class  
 February – School contest  
 April – State contest  
 June – National contest

Each of the deadlines prior to December 15th will count as a classroom grade. All assignments will be described in more detail as time approaches. All completed projects will be turned in for a classroom grade and may be entered in the school competition. Accepted projects will be judged at the school competition by Thomas County Landmarks, Thomas County Historical Society, local history professors, and members of the community.

You are strongly encouraged to refer to [www.nationalhistoryday.org](http://www.nationalhistoryday.org) for further details. **We will be hosting an NHD Parent Night Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to give you more information and let you see some examples and resources!**

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 National History Day Introduction Letter August 2014

I understand that my child is required to participate in National History Day. I understand that if my child chooses to work with a group they may need to find time outside of school hours to work together on the project.

Group Members \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_