



Dear Archivists and Librarians,

The National History Day Committee of SAA's Reference, Access and Outreach Section is proud to announce a new online toolkit featuring a wealth of resources for teachers/students and archivists/librarians about National History Day (NHD).

See the NHD toolkit at: <http://nhdarchives.pbworks.com>

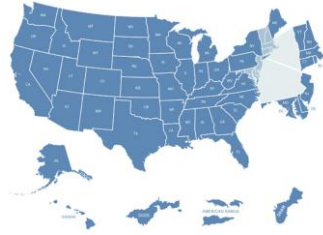
**National History Day** provides structure and guidance to teachers and students learning to work with archival materials. It also provides one of the most effective approaches for archivists who want to reach out to middle and high school students.

See the NHD site at: <http://www.nhd.org/>

NHD sponsors annual competitions for middle and high school students using primary sources to create original papers, documentaries, websites, exhibitions, and performances. The program guides teachers and students to high quality use and citation of archival sources. If you are thinking of reaching out to middle and high school students, National History Day may offer the structure you want for success.

**The toolkit** is an ideal resource for **archivists and librarians** who wish to get involved in National History Day. In it you will find practical information about outreach to NHD teachers, the annual calendar for NHD competitions, how to create subject guides for the annual competition, examples of excellence in outreach and collaborations, and information on managing class visits. There is also helpful information about how to work with novice researchers and best serve their needs.

**Students and teachers** will find videos about primary sources and archival research, information on how-to find archives with primary sources on specific topics, friendly explanations of what to expect when students visit an archives, and links to reliable online digital collections.



**Interactive!** Site visitors are invited to leave comments, contribute their repository information to the NHD list of participating repositories, and even suggest digital collections to add to the list of online primary sources .

This site puts educators, students, and archivists "on the same page." If you like it, tell your colleagues, tweet your friends, put it in your blog.

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