

# NATIONAL HISTORY DAY



# WHAT IS IT?

- Annual competition and chance for you to explore issues, ideas, people and events in history that interest you
- Share your discoveries through creative and original performances, documentaries, websites, research papers, or exhibits



## WHAT IT TAKES...

- An interest in historical events
- Independent research on a topic of YOUR choice
- Bi-Monthly meetings with Mrs. Dionne to check in on your project (Oct – Feb)
- Presentation/Displaying of your project at a school-wide competition
- Finalists at the school competition move on to the district level with potential for the state competition

# THEME: TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY

- Topics and events should be greater than 25 years old
- Can be local, state, U.S. or World historical events
- It could even be related to your family or town's history



# FINAL PROJECT CHOICES

- Exhibit (visual representation using things such as pictures, writing, quotations and artifacts)
- Performance (real and/or fictional characters, dramatizations, props, etc.)
- Documentary (movie/video using interviews, photographs, film, audio, etc.)
- Website (Create an interactive website about your topic)
- Paper (traditional written research paper)



# SOLO VS. GROUP

- You can choose to work individually or with a group
- Groups may be two to five students; mixed grades are allowed
- Individual and group entries are judged separately



## IS THIS FOR YOU?

- Strong interest in history?
- Work well independently or in a group?
- Willingness to do research?
- Ability to keep up if a class period is missed?
- Positive behavior?

Click on the picture to play a 2 minute video.





## NOW WHAT?

- Get approval from your social studies teacher to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, September 27th at 2:15 p.m.
- Mrs. Dionne's classroom - #139 (beginning of 7<sup>th</sup> grade hallway)
- Be thinking of ideas for your topic of interest...remember it must tie into the theme "Triumph and Tragedy in History"