

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA!



National History Day in Indiana FACT SHEET

- More than 3,700 students and 60 teachers from 46 schools in 20 Indiana counties participated in National History Day in Indiana in 2011.
- Students in grades four through 12 *learn by doing history* as they investigate a topic of their choice, analyze and interpret their research and create projects in the form of exhibits, documentaries, websites, papers and original performances.
- Presentations to professionals and community members at competition events in March and April build student confidence and interview skills. Local winners advance to the state contest, where winners compete for special prizes and a place at the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest in Washington D.C.
- Students are challenged to consider an annual theme, which encourages critical thinking around a topic often lost in standard textbooks and quizzes. This year's theme is *Reaction, Reform, Revolution in History*.
- Rulebooks, theme guides, sample topic lists and classroom worksheets are provided to students and teachers at no cost.
- The Indiana Historical Society organizes district and state contests and provides support with free classroom visits, library research nights and teacher workshops.
- In 2011, Indiana students won more than \$1,500 in prizes for their National History Day projects. Eight projects were named national finalists.
- An Indiana high school student from Warsaw won *The David Van Tassell Founder Award* at the national contest, a four-year scholarship to Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

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