



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Subject: Message #106: An Introduction to History Day: Summer Teachers' Workshops

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**From: Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and
Secondary Education Curriculum Support Unit**

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Directors,

Curious about History Day? Looking for inquiry-based learning that goes beyond the traditional research paper? National History Day (NHD) Arkansas is offering an in-person professional development workshop for educators interested in learning about History Day. NHD Arkansas staff and teachers will discuss the framework of History Day, models for incorporating History Day in classrooms and clubs, and this year's theme, *Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, and Consequences*. See examples of student projects, learn how students benefit from History Day, and hear from current teachers about how to incorporate History Day. Participants will leave with resources including graphic organizers, activities, and connections to state standards, for use in their libraries and classrooms. To see the day's agenda, visit <https://nhda.fyi/101>

This session is designed for teachers and librarians new to History Day, but experienced History Day teachers are welcome. Parking and lunch provided. Educators who attend all sessions and view the 2021 theme video will receive a certificate for **7 hours** of professional development. The first ten teachers to register will also receive a \$75 stipend upon completing the workshop.

Who: Teachers, librarians, and homeschool educators who instruct grades 6 through 12 are encouraged to register.

Date: July 19, 2021, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location: [Irby Hall](#), University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas.

Registration: This workshop is offered at no cost to educators. [Register Here](#) (<https://nhda.link/101-registration>)

What is National History Day? [National History Day](#) is a year-long academic program focused on historical research, interpretation and creative expression for 6th- to 12th-grade students. By participating in NHD, students become writers, filmmakers, web designers, playwrights and artists as they create unique contemporary expressions of history. The experience culminates in a series of contests at the local and affiliate levels and an annual national competition in the nation's capital in June.

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Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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