

2024 Regional Events

GREATER MINNESOTA

Northwest

Thursday, February 29, 4 - 8 pm
Bemidji State University

Northeast

Saturday, March 2, 8 am - 1 pm
University of Minnesota, Duluth

Southeast

Tuesday, March 12, 4 - 9 pm
Winona State University

South Central

Tuesday, March 19, 4 - 9 pm
Minnesota State University Mankato

Central


Saturday, March 23, 8 am - 1 pm
St. Cloud State University

METRO AREA

Metro Junior West

Saturday, March 2, 8 am - 1 pm
Central Middle School, Eden Prairie

Metro Senior

Monday, March 4, 4 - 9 pm  **New location!**
University of Minnesota, West Bank, Minneapolis

Metro Junior Central

Tuesday, March 5, 4 - 9 pm
University of Minnesota, West Bank, Minneapolis

Minneapolis Public Schools

Saturday, March 9, 8 am - 2 pm
Sanford Middle School, Minneapolis

St. Paul Public Schools

Saturday, March 16, 8 am - 2 pm
Johnson High School, St. Paul

Metro Junior East

Saturday, March 23, 8 am - 1 pm
White Bear Lake High School, South Campus

Virtual Research Papers & Virtual Regional Contest

February 28

Confirm Judges: We will confirm category judging assignments based on the total number of projects submitted. First priority for selecting *Research Paper* judges goes to those judges who are not judging at other Minnesota History Day events.

March 1

Receive Entries: You will receive an email with links to 8-10 projects, judging instructions, top entry reporting form, judge comment forms and contact information for your judge partner. **All materials will be distributed to judges electronically.**

March 1-11

Review and Discuss Projects: Make contact with your judge partner. Read/view and evaluate the projects. Working with your partner, come to a consensus on the top entries. Each judge will complete their own comment forms on all entries.

March 11

Submit Results: Report the ranked order of your team's top entries via web form no later than this date.

March 18

Return Comment Forms: Completed comment sheets for ALL entries must be submitted

State History Day

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - Minneapolis Convention Center  **New location!**

- First-Round and Topical Prize Judging: 8 am - 1 pm
- Final-Round: 1 - 5 pm

[Sign up online!](https://mnhs.org/historyday) Visit mnhs.org/historyday and click on Contests & Judging

“Turning Points in History”

Turning Points in History allows students to explore topics related to all facets of history from across the globe that they are most interested. Students should expand on the fact that a “turning point” is more than just change, but focus on *significant* change where an action, event, or idea directly causes things to be different from how things were before it. This theme will lend itself to topics in a wide variety of content areas. Students will need to identify multiple perspectives, or differing points of view, to create a strong argument. They will use the theme to prove why their topic is significant in history.

In-Person Judging: Documentaries, Exhibits, Performances, and Websites

Judging in the Documentary, Exhibit, Performance, and Website categories is done on-site at Regional events and at State History Day. Judges work in teams to view projects and interview students in-person. Judge teams select top entries and provide feedback to all students. Judges in these categories are required to attend the event for which they are registered and will attend a virtual training prior to the event.

Virtual Judging

There will be a traditional off-site Research Paper Contest and one Virtual Regional Contest this year for all other categories. In these contests, students will submit digital versions of their projects that History Day will then send to judges.

These judges will review projects over several days and then work with a judge partner to come to a consensus on project rankings by the deadline. Each judge will provide written feedback via zFairs.

Research Papers will have a Semi-Final Round to determine the top 12 Finalists that will advance to the State Contest. All other categories may have a Final-Round to determine which entries are eligible to advance to State.

There is no in-person judging requirement for Research Papers and the Virtual Regional Contest.

Are there any special qualifications to be a judge?

There are no required qualifications to judge a History Day event. However, judges should be older than high school age, possess an interest in history and be comfortable making decisions. Both new and experienced judge are welcome at the Regional level of competition.

Due to the high stakes of competition at State, all State-level judges should have previous judging experience at a History Day competition. This experience could have been at any level (School, Regional, State, or National), in the current year, or any previous year.

Important Notes for 2024

We continue to provide the best judging experience possible at our events.

- 1. Judge Training:** We will be offering virtual training in advance of contests that all judges will be expected to complete. There will be sessions for new and experienced judge with streamlined information. The day-of an in-person contest, training will be consolidated to focus on logistics. Dates of these trainings will be announced in February.
- 2. Online Evaluations:** Judges will have access to online evaluation forms and student’s written materials through zFairs, the History Day contest management system. Judges who wish to submit online written feedback, must provide their own device (laptop or tablet) at the contest. Printed comment sheets will be available for those judges who do not have a device.
- 3. Written Materials in Advance:** Students will be asked to submit their Process Paper and Annotated Bibliography during registration. Judges will receive access to these via zFairs approximately one week prior to the contest if they wish to review them in advance.

What if I judged last year and have a zFairs account already?

zFairs deletes accounts every year, so all judges will need a new one. Due to the number of events that we have and how the system works, History Day staff will create a login for you. Your account information will be shared with you prior to the event, you can change your password at that time if you choose.

How do you handle conflicts of interest?

Judges should notify us of any conflicts of interest when registering, including any schools or students with which they have deep relationships. When assigning judges, we place these judges in categories and divisions in which these schools/students are not participating.

How do I sign up to judge?

Visit mnhs.org/historyday and click on Contests & Judging or go straight to [this online form](#).

Questions?

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