



## NHD-CA Interview Questions

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In order to ensure that all students have a comparable interview experience, please confine your questioning to questions from this list. **As a judge team, please choose 5-6 questions from this list. Please do not ask any questions that are not on this list.** If you would like the students to elaborate on a response, please ask them: "That sounds really interesting! Can you tell me more about that?" Please note: Interview times are short (5 minutes). Let the students talk.

### Elementary Division Questions:

- How did you choose your topic?
- How did you research your topic?
- How does your topic connect to this year's theme?
- How did you create your project?
- What did you learn that surprised you?
- What source was the most helpful?
- What would you like to know more about?

### Junior and Senior Division Questions:

#### Questions about Topic/Theme

- Why did you choose your topic? What gave you the idea to do this topic?
- What process did you use to narrow your topic? How did you decide what to include and what to omit?
- What process did you use to link your topic to the theme?
- What is the most important thing you are trying to convey about your topic?

#### Questions about Research/Sources

- As you did your research, what surprised you the most about this topic?
- What did you find most difficult about doing the research for this entry?
- How did your primary sources help you understand this topic?
- What was your favorite primary source? Why?
- Which source were you most excited to find? Why?

#### Questions about Historical Argument/Significance

- Why is this topic significant in history?
- Why did you choose this category? (ie - Why did you choose to do an exhibit/performance/ etc)
- What process did you use to move your research from ideas to the finished product?
- If you had another week, what would you like to do for your project? Another month?
- Is there a portion of your work that you are the most excited about and would like to highlight?
- Is there anything else you want to tell us about your project or research?

### Senior Division Only Questions:

- From your secondary sources, which historian's interpretation did you find most intriguing? Why?
- How did the work of other historians help you understand your topic? Did they present anything that surprised you?