



# 2007-2008 Workshops

## Looking for ways to help your National History Day (NHD) students?

Teachers and students are invited to attend special NHD workshops to further enhance their program experience and skill areas. Please review the following opportunities! Workshops are free to attend unless noted otherwise.

**SPACE IS LIMITED** and will fill quickly—so call today! Participation will be accepted at a first come, first serve basis. RSVP to Naomi Peuse at [Naomi.Peuse@iowa.gov](mailto:Naomi.Peuse@iowa.gov) or 515.281.6860 (unless noted otherwise) with the following information:

- number of students and adults attending
- list of student topics (if available)

Be sure to **RSVP at least two weeks prior** to the event to avoid workshop cancellation. If concerns regarding weather arise on the workshop day, instructions will be recorded at 515.281.6860.

### Grout Museum Teacher Training

Grout Museum, Waterloo, Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 8:30 AM-3 PM

Join District History Day staff to further explore the NHD process. Concurrent sessions will be offered to assist teachers—both novice and veteran—the novice session focusing on program basics and implementation; the veteran session highlighting new resources and more advanced programmatic exploration. In addition, the workshop will cover the 2008 theme and exhibit tips from the Grout. A break will be offered for lunch on your own. RSVP to Nancy Kinter at the Grout Museum at 319.234.6357.

### St. Ambrose University Teacher Meeting

St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 6-8 PM

St. Ambrose welcomes teachers to an evening discussion about the NHD program, the theme, various local topic ideas, on-line research tools, and the new web site category. This is an exciting opportunity to talk with colleagues about the program and other classroom implementation strategies. RSVP to Erin Siebers at [esiebers@gmail.com](mailto:esiebers@gmail.com).

### Introduction to National History Day

ITAG & ICSS Conferences

State History Day staff will be making presentations at both the ITAG Conference, October 8 & 9 (Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines), and the ICSS Conference, October 15 & 16 (Marriott Hotel, Coralville). Presentations will offer a general program overview and project samples. Teachers new to or curious about the NHD program are encouraged to attend. Please note: Teachers are not allowed to attend the NHD session without registering for the conference. An RSVP is unnecessary.

### Buena Vista University Library Resources

Buena Vista University (BVU) Library, Storm Lake, Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 9 AM-12 PM

BVU Library staff will be guiding students through university library research and Dr. Dixee Bartholomew-Feis will also add her insight on the work of a historian. The state staff will be on hand to answer questions and help navigate students. Students should come with a topic in mind as time will be available to do research. Groups are welcome to stay and research in the afternoon, however, lunch is on your own.

### Web Site Category Introduction for Teachers

Your Nearest ICN Location, October 25, 2007, 3:30-5 PM

NHD in Iowa is partnering with IPTV and ICN to bring teachers an introduction to the new web site category. This session will focus on organization, visual strategies, and the category parameters set by NHD. Since the technology for web site construction is so diverse, teachers are advised to work with area experts for information on actual web development. RSVP with your ICN location information by visiting [http://www3.iptv.org/iowa\\_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8238](http://www3.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8238).

### **Getting Started**

State Historical Building, Des Moines, Tuesday, October 30, 2007, 9 AM-12 PM

This workshop will offer a general introduction to National History Day and feature tips from the state staff related to the annual theme, "Conflict and Compromise in History," picking a good topic, research tricks and strategies, & much more! Lunch is on your own. The workshop will not include time to tour the exhibits, teachers should allow extra time if this is desired.

### **Beginning your NHD Research**

Graceland University, Lamoni, Monday, November 5, 2007, 9:30 AM-12 PM

Students will learn the basics of historical research at this workshop. State History Day staff will train best practices in effective research. Then, Graceland University Library staff will offer a library tour and information about their collections. Students should come with a tentative topic in mind as they will have the opportunity to explore and optional time in the afternoon to do research. Lunch is on your own.

### **Iowa State University Library Resources**

Iowa State University, Ames, Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 10 AM-2 PM

Iowa State University Library and Special Collections staff will be guiding students through university library research with facility tours as well as information regarding the finding aids. The state staff will be on hand to answer questions and help navigate students. Participants should come with a topic in mind as time will be available in the afternoon to do research. A break will be offered in the schedule for lunch, but specific dining plans should be arranged on your own.

### **University of Iowa Library Resources**

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Wednesday, November 14, 2007, 9 AM-2 PM

University of Iowa's Main Library, Special Collections, and the Iowa Women's Archives staff will guide students through university library research. Introductory presentations will help students get acclimated to the vast collections held at UI, however, teachers are encouraged to start students off on the right foot by visiting [www.lib.uiowa.edu/events/nhd](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/events/nhd) to explore research opportunities in advance. The state staff will be on hand to answer questions and help navigate students. Participants should come with a topic in mind as time will be available to do research. A break will be offered in the schedule for lunch, but specific dining plans should be arranged on your own.

### **An Introduction to NHD at the Grout**

Grout Museum, Waterloo, Tuesday, December 3, 2007, 9 AM-12 PM

This workshop will introduce the basics of historical research. Grout Museum staff will offer an introduction to research in their facility—both the museum and special collections—as well as a recommending a host of local topic ideas. Lunch is on your own. The workshop will include a short presentation in the exhibits, but will not allow for extensive viewing. Teachers should allow extra time if this is desired.

### **Getting Started on your NHD Journey**

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, Thursday, December 6, 2007, 9 AM-12 PM

This workshop is designed to teach NHD students the basics of historical research. Special features include best historical practices, topic selection ideas, and a special "behind the scenes" tour of the Hoover Library and its archives. Lunch is on your own. The workshop may include a short presentation in the exhibits, but will not allow for extensive viewing—teachers should allow extra time if this is desired. Research opportunities, if desired, should be arranged with the Hoover Library staff prior to arrival.

### **Specialized Library Research**

State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, Saturday, December 8, 2007, 10 AM-12 PM

Students will obtain an introduction to the library and archives collection at the State Historical Library in Iowa City. Participants are encouraged to stay and do independent research as specialists will be at the ready to offer specific, one-on-one advice in the afternoon. The library is open until 4:30 PM. Students should have a topic selected and have basic secondary research completed. Lunch is on your own.



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### **The Science of Sourcing**

State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI), Des Moines, Thursday, December 13, 2007, 9 AM-12 PM

Join library staff from the SHSI Library and Archives in Des Moines to discover the trick to following the research trail. Students will learn steps to locating quality sources on their fact-finding journey. In addition, participants will understand what to do once references are found: evaluating sources, tracking research, and drafting proper citations. Lunch is on your own. The workshop will not include time to tour the exhibits, teachers should allow extra time if this is desired.

### **North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) Library Resources**

NIACC's Beem Center, Mason City, Monday, January 8, 2008, 10 AM-2 PM

Library and state staff will be introducing students to research with a facility tour as well as tips to effective research and source suggestions. The state staff will be on hand to answer questions and help navigate students. Students should come with a topic in mind as time will be available to do research. A break will be offered in the schedule for lunch, but specific dining plans should be arranged on your own.

### **Iowa State University Library Resources**

Iowa State University, Ames, Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 10 AM-2 PM

Iowa State University Library and Special Collections staff will be guiding students through university library research with facility tours as well as information regarding the finding aids. The state staff will be on hand to answer questions and help navigate students. Students should come with a topic in mind as time will be available to do research. A break will be offered in the schedule for lunch, but specific dining plans should be arranged on your own.

### **Category Exploration**

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, January 17, 2008, 9 AM-12 PM

This workshop will aid students in designing a project that best demonstrates their research. Students will learn what is needed to make a strong final product in their category (paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, web site). Prior to attending, students should have started their research and have a general idea of what type of project they plan to create. Lunch is on your own. The workshop may include a short presentation in the exhibits, but will not allow for extensive viewing. Teachers should allow extra time if this is desired. Research opportunities, if desired, should be arranged with the Hoover Library staff prior to arrival.

### **Specialized Library Research**

State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, 2008 Date: TBD, 10 AM-12 PM

A date for this workshop will be shared via the NHD in Iowa Teacher Update Listserv. Stay tuned!

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### **Bring Your Project**

State Historical Building, Des Moines, February 5, 2008, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM

Students are invited to bring their quasi-completed project, ideas, and materials to receive personal, no-stress feedback. State staff and other volunteers will offer suggestions to best prepare for upcoming district events. Projects will be given a 20-minute time slot for feedback. Appointments will be announced in advance to aid in travel planning. Large school groups should consider bringing research materials to work on while classmates are receiving individual attention. Lunch arrangements can be made upon request but will require a lunch fee.

### **Summer Professional Development Teacher Workshop—The Refresher**

State Historical Building, Des Moines, July 17, 2008, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM (*times are tentative*)

This 1-day refresher is an opportunity for past teacher workshop participants to reconnect and discuss strategies that worked (and maybe some that didn't) as well as areas that need further exploration (to be determined by participants). The time will also include a discussion about the 2008-2009 theme. Participants gain insight from peers through discussions and a material swap. All teachers that have participated in the 3-day workshop are welcome to participate. Other veteran NHD teachers are also welcome to inquire. The cost is \$25, which includes a light breakfast, lunch, and curriculum materials. RSVP with your summer contact information (home phone number, address, and/or e-mail).

### **Summer Professional Development Teacher Workshop**

State Historical Building, Des Moines, July 24-26, 2008, 9 AM-4:30 PM (*times are tentative*)

This intense 3-day workshop is designed to offer greater exploration of NHD's central elements such as in-depth research, the judging criteria (or rubric), primary vs. secondary sources, presentation mediums, and the 2008-2009 theme, as well as highlighting implementation strategies. Participants gain insight from peers through discussions and a material swap. All teachers, both novice and veteran, are welcome. Special presenters will be announced via the Iowa listserv in May 2008. The cost is \$115, which includes a light breakfast, lunch, and curriculum materials. Continuing Education credit through Heartland AEA and Drake Graduate credit are also available (additional fees apply). RSVP with your summer contact information (home phone number, address, and/or e-mail).

### **Design Your Own**

Your Neighborhood, IA, your day, your time

We are willing to collaborate with research facilities in your area and will also make "house calls." Determine the place you would like to meet and a time that works best for you and your students and we will make every effort to be there! When practical, we would like to include as many students as possible and reserve the right to invite others along!



### **NHD's Largest Program Discussion**

Thousands of teachers from across the country participate in National History Day. Take part in the discussions, concerns, questions, and advice through the H-HistoryDay listserv. The forum allows participants to share methodological and thematic ideas, approaches, and problems. Both veteran and novice History Day teachers can benefit from this open exchange of ideas. The list also involves public historians, professors of history, and research specialists linking you to historical professionals around the country!

To enroll, visit [www2.h-net.msu.edu/~histday/](http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~histday/)

### **Receive Important NHD in Iowa updates!**

Due to the rising cost of postage, National History Day in Iowa is utilizing an e-mail listserv for regular teacher updates. Those registered hear about the latest news regarding National History Day in Iowa, receive teaching tips and strategies, and discover last-minute workshops and materials that may become available throughout the year. National History Day in Iowa does not share your information with other organizations and you are free to unsubscribe at any time.

Join us! Send a blank e-mail to [join-teacherupdate@lists.ia.gov](mailto:join-teacherupdate@lists.ia.gov) to register.

