



History Fair Information Meeting

Thursday, August 22, 2019 - 5:15 pm

The Illinois History Fair is an excellent and exciting academic competition which improves student learning skills and also complements our eighth grade learning standards. Students will improve research methods as they explore Illinois' rich history and share their newly acquired knowledge with classmates, parents and teachers from across the state. The recognition students receive from their community, school, and family for academic achievement is meaningful and valuable.

1. Choose a topic
2. Write 5 subtopics to guide your research
3. Create a research folder using colored notecards
4. Research (approximately 4-5 weeks) while keeping track of sources used
5. Create a bibliography using EasyBib
6. Write a thesis statement and create an outline
7. Write an introduction
8. Write your paper (5-7 pages)
9. Write an effective conclusion
10. Include endnotes in your paper
11. Create an annotated bibliography
12. Create a website, display board, or documentary

Tentative Timeline

Students will soon begin researching. The research process will take approximately 4-5 weeks and will be completed in writing class this year. At some point during the research, we will take students to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library to further their research. Once research is completed, students will begin writing their papers. Along the way, we will introduce skills such as paraphrasing, writing annotations, writing a thesis statement, creating an outline, writing an introduction, using footnotes, creating a bibliography, etc.

The rough draft will be due on October 18th. Over the weekend, October 19 & 20, parents will be expected to edit their child's paper. Students will also need to make expected revisions by October 21.

After teachers make the next edit, students will revise again and turn in their final copy on November 18.





Students will create a website, display board, or documentary to go along with their research once the paper is complete.

Teachers will determine which papers and websites will advance to the regional competition.

The Illinois History Fair Regional Competition will be held at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois on March 21, 2020.

The Illinois History Fair Expo will be held at the BOS Center in Springfield on May 7, 2020.

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