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HISTORY DAY IN CALIFORNIA



HISTORICAL PAPER

JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS <i>Place a check mark on the line in the Evaluation box following each criterion where it best reflects your evaluation of the entry's success in achieving that criterion. Evaluation criteria are explained in the back of this sheet.</i>	EVALUATION						COMMENTS -- strengths & areas of improvement	
	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Minimal	Needs Work		
HISTORICAL QUALITY (60%)								
Entry is historically accurate								
Shows interpretation and analysis, not just description								
Places topic in historical context								
Shows wide research and use of primary sources								
Provides evidence of balanced research								
ADHERENCE TO THEME (20%)								
Clearly links topic to theme								
Demonstrates significance of topic in history								
QUALITY OF PRESENTATION (20%)								
Presentation of topic is creative and original								
Presentation is well organized								
Text is clear, correct and articulate								
Entry is organized: thesis, body, conclusion								
Entry is well presented and neatly prepared								
RULES COMPLIANCE								
	Yes			No				
Entry is within the 1,500-2,500 word limit	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>				
Includes properly annotated bibliography	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>				
Title page shows only title, names, division & category	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>				
OVERALL RATING (Circle One)								
Outstanding Excellent Good Satisfactory Minimal								

* **Historical Quality is the most important aspect of History Day.** More weight should be given to the entry's Historical Quality with respect to the criteria when evaluating the entry and selecting finalist and winners.