

History Day in California

NHD – Web Site Category – 2010 Revisions

Fact Sheet

-How does the new web site category work (what's different)?

For the 2009 contest, the web site category broke down as such:

- Students could use any development tools they wished to use.
- Entries were submitted in an online format, students provided their own URL addresses.
- Entries were judged in this online environment, as web sites should be experienced.

For the 2010 contest, the category is different:

- Students must use the development tools available at the **NHD Web Portal**.
- Entries are entirely online, even during the construction process.
- Submission of web site entries will be streamlined a great deal, as entries are entirely online.
- Entries will continue to be judged in this online environment, as web sites should be experienced.

-Where do students go?

Students must use the **NHD Web Portal** (found at nhd.weebly.com) to build their web sites. To avoid accidentally starting a site on www.weebly.com, which would NOT be transferable to nhd.weebly.com, students and teachers should be advised to go to www.nhd.org and from there to the **NHD Web Portal**.

Once on nhd.weebly.com, students (or teachers) must create an account for EACH ENTRY to be entered into competition. An email address will not be required to create an account, but it is recommended that one be submitted, as a password can be easily and quickly recovered with the use of an email address associated with an entry.

- A group entry, though accessed by more than one student, will call for only a single account to be created. All students working on that particular entry would then use the same login to access their site.
- A teacher or coach may use the same email address for multiple entries. This means that password recovery for all entries will go through that email address.
- A unique web address (or URL) will be assigned to each entry. This is the URL that will be given to judges to access the web site for judging. Students and teachers should be advised to keep this URL noted for reference.

At the **NHD Web Portal**, participants will have access to a variety of resources to help them start on their entries. Support for use of the Weebly tools and examples of entries will be available, and more. It will be best not to go to Acuity for help to avoid costs to NHD, and Weebly, though offering technical support, will be limited in their ability to service thousands of students across the country. Coordinators and the national office should be arbiters of where questions and concerns should go to be addressed.

Participants should find the tools available at the **NHD Web Portal** to be powerful and intuitive. These tools were designed to make web site construction easy while still being able to meet more advanced user needs. Nothing will be perfect, and some advanced users will find themselves limited at times. Still, those users are able to do a great deal with the advanced editing tools and custom HTML features. Web development is about innovation, and what better call to innovate than apparent limitations from a toolset.

- Some of the concerns from those advanced users can be addressed with the help of the Weebly team, so do not hesitate to contact the national office in such instances.
- Students will have full range of access to site-building features.