Vermont History Day Tips & Advice

When you arrive:
- Pick up your nametag at the registration desk. Your judging time and location will be listed on your nametag.

Exhibits:
- Arrive early during the registration time. It will take some time to find your spot and set up your exhibit. You must have your exhibit ready for the judges by 9:40 am. Leave your process paper and bibliography on the table in front of the exhibit when you set up your board.
- Sometimes exhibits get damaged during transport. It is a good idea to bring tools and supplies like glue or tape to do any quick fixes that may need to be done before the contest begins.
- You must leave the exhibit hall after your judging time. Only student exhibitors and judges are allowed in the Livak Ballroom during judging. Spectators are not allowed to watch exhibit judging to limit noise and distractions for students and judges.
- Exhibits must be broken down before the start of the Awards Ceremony.

Documentaries:
- Since you submitted your documentary early, you don’t need to bring anything!
- Judging rooms will have a computer (PC), a projector and a screen. The documentaries will be pre-loaded on the computers. Give the judges your process paper to read before you show your videos. When the judges are ready, start your video.
- Spectators may watch documentary judging.

Performances:
- Sometimes props get damaged during transport. Bring tools and supplies to do any quick fixes that may need to be done before the contest begins. Remember you must be able to set up your props in 5 minutes. Give the judges your process papers to read while you set up your props.
- Spectators may watch performance judging.

Exhibits, Documentaries, and Performances:
- Remember to bring three printed copies of your process paper and your annotated bibliography. Judges need to read your process papers and bibliographies, not view them on a device. Printers are available at the Howe Library, but you need a special card to pay for printing, so it’s best to bring them with you. https://library.uvm.edu/about/information/copying_printing_and_scanning_in_the_library

Websites:
- Judges have viewed your websites and read them thoroughly before judging. We hope to have devices for each website team, but have a limited number of available devices. Your process papers and bibliographies are part of the website so you do not need to bring copies.
- Spectators may not watch website judging this year because all teams will be in the same room.

Papers:
- Judges already have your paper, but you may want to bring an extra copy for yourself as reference.
- Spectators may not watch paper judging this year because all teams will be in the same room.

All:
- If you have questions or need clarification - contact me right away! It will be much more likely that I can help you a week before the contest than the day of the contest. Contact Victoria at (802) 828-1413 or victoria.hughes@vermonthistory.org. Good luck!