

## **Taking a Stand in History: People, Ideas, Events**

Homeschoolers are invited to participate in National History Day, a history education program for students in grades 6 through 12. By participating in History Day, students not only increase their content knowledge in history, but they improve reading, writing, research, analytical, critical thinking, and presentation skills.

Students choose a topic related to the annual theme, which for 2005-2006 is Taking a Stand in History: People, Ideas, Events. Using primary and secondary materials, they research their topics and create projects in one of four categories: historical papers, documentaries, performances, or exhibits. Each project must be accompanied by an annotated bibliography. These projects can be entered into competitions, beginning at the district level. Winning projects continue to advance, culminating with the national competition held in College Park, Maryland in June.

For more information visit the web site at [www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us](http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us) and click on North Carolina History Day; or contact the state coordinator, who is happy to answer questions and provide curriculum materials to teachers.

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