



6.6. Poster

The poster is a scaled-down version of the exhibit category. This entry category is available only to participants in the Elementary Division (grades 4 and 5) as an introduction to NHD. Posters are a California-only category. NHD-CA winning Posters will not advance to the National History Day contest in Maryland. A poster provides the opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of the topic and theme, effectively use a combination of quotations and your own words to share the context, your historical argument and evidence that supports it, and the significance of your topic in history. You will also use images of all kinds (e.g., photos, maps, art images, etc.) and meaningful captions and labels to tell your story and guide the viewer through your display. Each poster includes a process paper and annotated bibliography.

<p>F1.</p>	<p>POSTER ELEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Your analysis must be clear and evident to the viewer in the poster itself. Do not rely on supplemental material to deliver your message as judges may not have time to view them. ▶ Your argument must be supported with, but not overwhelmed by, visual and textual evidence. ▶ Your poster must conform to all general and category rules. ▶ Your poster must not include takeaway items for judges or others.
<p>F2.</p>	<p>SIZE REQUIREMENTS & CONSTRUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Your poster will be no larger than 30" x 40" in size. ▶ It may be oriented either as portrait or landscape. ▶ Your project must be flat. It will contain no protruding elements. ▶ The display backing may be cardboard, mat board, poster board, foam board, or other flat material. ▶ You may attach flat paper items such as written materials, decorative paper, images, labels, etc. to your display backing. However, you may not raise these materials by mounting them on any material that causes them to protrude - they must lie flat on your backing. ▶ Do not use ribbon, buttons, textured paper or other materials that result in a raised or textured surface.

<p>F3.</p>	<p>WORD LIMIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A 350-Word limit applies to all student-composed text that appears on, or as part of, a poster. ▶ The following words DO count: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The text that you write, including titles, subtitles, captions, graphs, or timelines. ▶ Words in the following DO NOT count: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Primary or secondary materials or quotes included on your poster. ▶ Source credits
<p>F4.</p>	<p>CREDITING SOURCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All quotes from written sources must be credited on the poster and fully cited in the bibliography. ▶ All visual sources (e.g., photographs, paintings, charts, and graphs, etc.) must be credited on the poster and fully cited in the bibliography. ▶ Source credits on your poster do not count toward the word total. ▶ See nhd.org/annotated-bibliography for more information and an example of source credits.
<p>F5.</p>	<p>ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Rule 19 (page 19), applies to posters, with the following modification: <p style="text-align: center;">Students in the poster category are only required to annotate <u>five</u> of their sources.</p>
<p>F6.</p>	<p>REQUIRED WRITTEN MATERIALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Provide your required written materials for judging ▶ Bring additional copies to contests, as they may be needed. ▶ Refer to your Contest Coordinator for submission instructions.

