



NWT Heritage Fairs

Students are encouraged to develop their projects in any of the official languages of the NWT.



The Territorial Showcase is held in the spring. Information on dates and location for 2010 TBD



What are Heritage Fair Projects?

Heritage Fairs present opportunities for students to create projects about **persons, places, events and traditions of the Northwest Territories and/or Canadian history, culture & heritage.**

Heritage Fairs in the NWT are coordinated by the NWT Heritage Fairs Society. This volunteer-based organization is dedicated to encouraging young people in the NWT to explore and share the histories of their family or community, as well as the heritage of the people and places of the Northwest Territories. The opportunity to take part in a Heritage fair is enriched when students explore a “personal connection” to their heritage.

Heritage Fair projects encourage students to develop good research skills using a variety of sources. Projects are intended to encourage students to pursue topics that have a meaningful connection to their lives. Research that goes beyond the use of books and the Internet is encouraged, and this kind of research may involve other skills such as interviewing, collecting artifacts, photography, etc.

What can a Heritage Fair Project look like?

All student projects should have a display board component that are approximately 80 cm (d) x 150 cm (w) x 100 cm (h). Projects should be able to be modified for travel purposes.

This visual display can be enhanced in a variety of ways, including:

- audio/visual components
- performance pieces
- computer presentations
- costumes
- models/artifacts
- books/journals

Examples of past projects and themes can be found at www.NWThistory.ca



How can students and teachers participate?

There are 3 different 'levels' of fairs that students may be able to participate in:
1) class/school/local 2) regional 3) territorial

Questions?

Please contact your regional NWT Heritage Fairs Representative:

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At the class/school/local level: Students K - 9 can create projects as individuals, partners or class groups. Students in grades 4 - 9 taking part in one/any of these fairs can be considered for the Territorial Showcase

At the regional level: Regions may choose to organize fairs that bring together student projects from several schools and/or communities. Rules for participation are established at a regional level. Students from grades 4-9 will be eligible to participate in the Territorial Showcase, and only if a project meets the minimum standard for their grade level as set out in the judging rubric.

At the Territorial level: The showcase is typically held in May. Approximately 25 projects, selected at school/local/regional fairs, are presented at this showcase.

In most cases class, group and partner projects are presented by 1 (one) project representative at this event.

What are the judging criteria?

Judges base their evaluations* on the following criteria:

- Personal connection to the project topic: "What personal significance does this project have for me?"
- This personal connection is enhanced through also exploring "How does this project connect to larger parts of northern and Canadian history?"
 - local/Northern Focus
 - creative use of chosen medium
 - level of commitment and time given
 - ability to elaborate and speak knowledgeably
 - uniqueness/presentation of topic
 - quality/ depth of research
 - variety of sources
 - information must be historically correct

* Contact your regional Heritage Fairs Coordinator or the NWT Heritage Fairs Society for a judging rubric for project/fair preparation or go to www.NWTHistory.ca

Important dates to remember

1) Fall 2009 - Teachers/Administrators make contact (see side bar) to indicate interest and receive NWT Heritage Fair information & teachers resources.

2) December/January 2010 - Students select topic and begin projects in order to meet deadlines for school & community fairs. (dates are set at the school/ community level)

3) January - March 2010 – School fairs take place

4) February 2010 – Regional Coordinators secure positions at the Territorial Showcase (with NWT Heritage Fairs Coordinator) and school participation stats to their Regional Coordinator.

5) May 2010 - Projects selected at regional level for NWT Territorial Showcase. (Contact your Regional Coordinator for dates.)