



# NWT Heritage Fairs

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



The Territorial Showcase will be held  
May 10-13th  
2012  
in Yellowknife



## What are Heritage Fair Projects?

Heritage Fairs present opportunities for students to engage in learning 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 is 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](http://www.NWThistory.ca)



## Questions?

The regional representatives are:

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Youth interviewing for Heritage Fair project on history of drum dancing.

## 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**

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 will be held from in Yellowknife from May 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://www.NWTHistory.ca)

## Important dates (new information!) . . . .

**1) October – December 2011** Teachers/Administrators make contact (see side bar) to indicate interest and receive NWT Heritage Fair information & teacher resources.

**2) October-February 2012** - Students select topic and begin projects in order to meet deadlines for school & community fairs. (dates set at the school/ community level)

**3) March - April 2012** – School and regional fairs take place

**4) April 13th 2012** – Names of participating students for Territorial Fair need to be submitted to Heritage Fair Society.

**5) May 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** - Territorial Showcase in Yellowknife.