

# Historica Fair

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## What is a Historica Fair?

The Historica Fairs are an experience unlike any other!

The Historica Fairs Program encourages students to explore Canadian heritage in a dynamic, hands-on learning environment. Students use the medium of their choice to tell stories about Canadian heroes, legends, milestones, and achievements - and present the results of their research at a public exhibition.

Since its beginning in 1993, the Fairs Program has grown to include more than 200,000 students across Canada each year. In the long term, it is the Historica Foundation's intention that every eligible student in Canada will have the opportunity to participate in a Fair or an on-line Fair Showcase during his or her years at school.

### **The Historica Fairs Program:**

- creates an environment where students are excited to learn and share
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- provides recognition for student achievement
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- celebrates cultural diversity and multiple perspectives
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- reveals connections between the past and present
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- inspires Canadians to celebrate their places in history

The Fairs Program is driven by volunteers: more than 10,000 people contribute their time every year. Volunteer committees involving educators, museums, heritage groups, and community associations work together to organize School, Regional, Provincial, and Territorial Fairs. The result is a community-based celebration of Canadian heritage that has a lasting impact on participants

### **Why Participate?**

- • The Fairs Program supports existing curricula in all provinces and territories, and encourages a cross-curricular approach to teaching and learning.
- • Historica Fairs give students the chance to share their own ideas and voices, thereby building student creativity and initiative. A wide variety of expressive styles are encouraged so that students can tell their own stories in their own ways.
- • Creating a Fair project will enhance literacy skills. The emphasis on communication skills such as researching, interviewing, writing, editing, and speaking will benefit all students.
- • The nature of the project topics explored by students often leads to valuable intergenerational dialogue. There are many opportunities for home / school / community interaction.
- • Participation in a Fair engages citizenship skills. As young people develop stronger roots in their communities, they will have the confidence to become active citizens who shape the future of our country.

*For more information contact TCSA's K-12 Program and Curriculum Coordinator*



# NWT Historica Fairs

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Students are encouraged to develop their projects in any of the 11 official languages of the NWT.

A Territorial Showcase is held every year!



A National Fair is held each summer!

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## What are Historica Fair Projects?

Historica Fairs present opportunities for students to create a project about **persons, places and events of Northwest Territories and/or Canadian history, culture & heritage.**

**Historica 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 Historica fair is enriched when students explore a "personal connection" to their heritage.

**Historica 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. Therefore, research often goes beyond the use of books, the Internet and may involve other skills such as interviewing, collecting artifacts, photography, etc.

## What can a Historica Fair Project look like?

All student projects should have a display board component that cannot be larger than 80 cm (d) x 150 cm (w) x 100 cm (h). This visual display can be enhanced in a variety of ways, including:

- Audio visual components
- performance pieces
- models/ artifacts
- costumes
- computer presentations



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