National History Day: Creating Exhibit Entries

Rules	Components	Construction Materials
Size requirements: 1. No larger than 40 inches wide, 30 inches deep, and 6 feet high 2. Does not include the table on which it rests. 3. It would include any stand that you create or any table covering. **Media devices:** 1. Must not run for more than 3 minutes. 2. Are subject to the 500-word limit for student-composed text, including any speaking you would do in an interview. 3. Viewers/judges must be able to control all devices. 4. Must be integral part of exhibit. **Word Limit:** 1. There is a 500-word limit that applies to student-composed text on the exhibit. 2. This includes titles, subtitles, captions, media devices, and supplemental materials where you use your own words. 3. A date counts as one word: Jan. 8, 2010 4. The text of primary source materials does not count in this word limit. 5. Parenthetical documentation words do not count in this either.	1. Main Title 2. Subtitle 3. Subject Labels 4. Captions 5. Timeline 6. Interpretations (Student-Composed Text) 7. Quotes 8. Photos 9. Letters 10. Documents 11. Other Artifacts 12. Media	**Display Board:** 1. Cardboard or foam board 2. Variety of colors available—choose colors for board according to topic. 3. Usually available at these stores: Hobby Lobby, Staples, Target, Walmart, Ben Franklin (Hobby Lobby and Staples often have the most variety.) 4. Prices range from $4-$12. 5. We have some white cardboard display boards available at school for $3. 6. Consider covering your display board with cloth material that would be appropriate for your particular topic. (Walmart has very affordable material.) 7. Think about building your own display board out of inexpensive, light-weight boards. **Lettering:** 1. Computer-generate all lettering 2. Buy stick-on lettering 3. Stencil all lettering 4. Other **Background Materials:** 1. Construction paper, tag board, or mat board—for backing text, images, and other items on your board 2. Photo paper (optional)—makes images look more realistic