

WORKING ON YOUR OWN OR IN A GROUP

Working On Your Own

There are some advantages to taking your History Day journey on your own. Working alone is less complicated and presents fewer potential distractions than you might encounter in a group. There is no confusion over who is responsible for meeting deadlines. With no one else to depend on, the success or failure of your History Day project is your own.

Working in a Group

Becoming part of a group has some distinct advantages. You and your fellow group members can share the work. Each member will bring a different set of skills and interests to the group. From deciding who will do what and agreeing on the interpretation of your research, to big-picture design decisions, your History Day journey will be one of compromise.

Be careful when choosing your group members. Remember, working with your best friend is not always the best idea. When selecting group members, ask yourself the following questions:

- What type of people do I like to work with?
- What skills will each group member bring to the project?
- What qualities make someone a good group member?
- What traits in people do I want to avoid when picking my partners?
- If you need to work outside of class, will you be able to get together?

WORKSHEET: CATEGORY AND GROUP CHOICES

Use this worksheet to explain your choices about category and working alone or in a group.

1. Which category do you want to select? _____

2. Why is this the best category for you and your topic? _____

3. Do you plan on working individually or in a group? (Circle one) Individually Group

4. Fill out the questions below for whichever group size that you plan on selecting for History Day.

Working Alone

A. What will be some of your responsibilities if you work alone?

B. Why is working alone the best choice for you?

Working in a Group

A. What will be some of the challenges you face when you work in a group?

B. Why is working in a group the best choice for you?