



National History Day 2013-2014

Rights and Responsibilities in History

National Archives in Chicago

Sample Topics Based on Holdings at the National Archives in Chicago

- The Fight to Integrate Schools
 - Webb, et al. v. Chicago Board of Education, et al.
 - Bell, et al. vs. School City of Gary, Indiana
 - Deal, et al. vs. The Cincinnati Board of Education et al.

- Seeking Gender Equality in the Workplace
 - Alice Peurala v. U.S. Steel Corporation
 - Susan Bravo v. Chicago Board of Education, et al.
 - Carolyn McCrimmon, et al. v. Daley, et al

- The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens and the Government in Time of War
 - Kent State University
 - William Haywood and Gurly Flynn
 - David Dellinger
 - German-Americans in Ohio and Michigan (WWI)
 - Coca-Cola and the U.S. Food Administration in Illinois

- The Civilian Conservation Corps: Changing Responsibilities of the Government

- Rights and Responsibilities of Employers and Employees: Ottawa Radium Dial Painters or the Eastland Disaster

- Government's Regulation of Prices and Wages during World War II

- Rights and Responsibilities for Affordable Housing: Gautreaux v. the Chicago Housing Authority

- Urban Renewal: The Rights and Responsibilities of the Government in Shaping City Landscapes (University of Illinois at Chicago)

- Responsibilities of Scientists – The Manhattan Project and the Beginnings of Nuclear Energy

- Black Power and Fred Hampton

- Potawatomi Indians, Treaty Rights, and Chicago land

- Rights and Responsibilities of Government in Enforcing Morality – Comstock Act or Prohibition



National History Day 2014 Rights and Responsibilities in History

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. We collect, protect, and make available documents created by the Federal Government. These records capture the rights of American citizens and the actions of Federal offices. We keep only those federal records that are determined to have long-lasting value. This includes textual records (such as letters, reports, and memoranda), maps, charts, architectural drawings, and photographs.

BUT

You don't have to go to Washington, D.C. to visit the National Archives. Located in Chicago, Illinois, the Great Lakes Region of the National Archives preserves records dating from approximately 1800 to the 1990s, created by Federal courts and government agencies in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

AND THESE RECORDS CAN HELP WITH YOUR HISTORY DAY SUCCESS

Selecting an interesting and researchable History Day topic will help you start on the path of History Day success. Therefore the staff at the National Archives in Chicago gathered our thoughts and assembled a few topic ideas related to our holdings and this year's National History Day theme: *Rights and Responsibilities in History*

THOUGH "NOT THE END ALL BE ALL"

Our ideas are just a small slice of possibilities. We encourage you to explore the topics below and think about others related to your community. In some instances, our documents tell you only part of the story, so you will need to do research at other libraries, historical societies, and archives.

TO ACCESS NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT CHICAGO MATERIALS

Some materials related to the topics we suggest are available online through our Online Public Access (OPA) portal, at <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/>. For other items, you will need to visit our facility at 7538 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois. Though before you pay us a visit, please contact us first at 773-948-9001 or chicago.archives@nara.gov to save yourself time and ensure we have what you envision (some of our records are stored off-site).

And as always, make sure to review and thoroughly examine the secondary literature (textbooks, books written by other historians, and journal/magazine articles) related to your topic before delving into the primary source material.

Best wishes for a successful National History Day experience!