

Library Databases

<https://cosmos.somd.lib.md.us/online-resources/>

African-American History Online—people, events, timelines, topics and images of African-American history

Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) & **Heritage Quest** for census, military, birth, death, immigration records, local histories, primary source materials, and more

CQ Researcher—overviews, timelines, pro/cons, and more on American government, current affairs, and other social science topics

History Reference Center—primary and secondary resources including historical magazines, documents, biographies, maps, photos and videos

Newspaper Archive- millions of newspaper pages from around the world from 1753 to present

World Book Online—general overview of a topic to primary sources, newspapers, maps, timelines, and links to recommended web sites

Looking for Books or Educational DVDs?



Search the library catalog to find a wealth of physical materials in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties:

calvertlibrary.info



Not finding what you need on COSMOS?

Try MARINA (Maryland Interlibrary Loan). Please plan ahead. This service takes 2-4 weeks.

<http://cosmos.somd.lib.md.us/marinaverify.html>

(click on "Go to Marina" on the right)

Calvert County History Resources

Calvert County Historical Society

<http://www.calverthistory.org/>
(410) 535-2452 Tuesday-Thursday 10-3 pm

Calvert County History Digital Library

<http://calvert.lib.md.us/history/index.htm>

Maryland Collection

at each Calvert Library location.

Ask us!

Librarians are here to help you!

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 9pm

Friday: 12pm - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Sunday: Closed

Use **ask us now** online anytime!

Prince Frederick

850 Costley Way

Prince Frederick, MD 20678

(410) 535-0291 (301) 855-1862

Fairview Branch

8120 Southern Maryland Boulevard

Owings, MD 20736

(410) 257-2101

Southern Branch

13920 HG Trueman Rd.

Solomons, MD 20688

(410) 326-5289

Twin Beaches Branch

3819 Harbor Road

Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

(410) 257-2411

Always online at calvertlibrary.info



HISTORY FAIR RESOURCES



NHD
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HISTORY DAY

Steps of History Fair Research

Read widely about a topic or time in history. A good starting place is a textbook, encyclopedia, or reputable history website.



As you read, **write down questions** that interest you. Record your sources and how they relate to your research.



Read more on your topic in both primary and secondary sources. Take notes. Look for ways to **compare, contrast, or interpret.** Write down any sources you used and how used.



Write a preliminary thesis statement and integrate the history fair theme such as:
My History Fair project will examine/compare/contrast/discuss/or show...



Do more reading and take more notes as needed to provide support for your thesis.



Using your notes, **make an outline** with topics and subtopics.



Write your intro, body of paper, and conclusions (research paper) **OR use your notes to create** a backboard/website/video.



Edit/revise based on teacher feedback until your final draft is ready to turn in!

Types of Primary Sources

Original, first-hand account of an event or time period that is usually written or made during or close to the event or time period.

Government documents

Court records
Census records and other data
Immigration records
Written/recorded speeches
Ship's logs

Publications

Maps *from the place or time*
Newspaper or magazine articles *from the place or time*

Personal records

Diaries
Memoirs and autobiographies
Letters
Photographs
Oral history interviews

Art/Popular Culture

Music and song lyrics
Paintings, drawings, and other art
Photography
Architecture
Posters, banners, and signs

Types of Secondary Sources

Second-hand account of an historical event or time period that analyzes and interprets primary sources.

Newspaper or magazine articles that interpret
Biographies
Textbooks
Encyclopedias
Criticisms and commentaries

Check out our

History Fair Resources Page

<http://calvert.lib.md.us/kids/historyfair.html>

Sites like these, from our History Fair Resources page, will link you to more helpful websites:

1. [Maryland History Day](#) Tips on getting started, theme, sample topics, research, etc.
2. [National History Day](#) Recommended website resources. [Sample Topics](#)
3. [Library of Congress](#) Primary source documents, images, catalog holdings, etc.
4. [Maryland State Archives](#) Primary sources for MD history.
5. [National Archives Docs Teach](#) Primary source documents for U.S. history.
6. [Best History Sites.net](#) Award winning site created by teachers. Links to history websites by era.
7. [Internet History Sourcebooks](#) Primary sources for Ancient, Medieval, and Modern History.
8. [Digital Maryland](#) Primary sources for MD history.
9. [Digital History](#) Digital resources for U.S. history from the University of Houston.
10. [U.S. History Websites](#) Recommended by the Enoch Pratt Free Library.