

Tips for Navigating Nationals

1. **Introduce yourself!** NHD is a community of historians; you are with your people—smile and socialize! You're not the only one who's nervous. Being a friendly face to someone else can ease nerves.
2. **Be on time.** You are ultimately here to compete, but you can't do that if you miss your judge time!
3. **Get inspired.** View your peers' projects to learn more history and gather ideas for next year.
4. **Study up.** Be prepared for detailed questions from your judges. Think deeply about short-term and long-term impacts, important leaders/figures, and general events surrounding your topic.
5. **Don't waste your chance.** When answering a judge's question in the interview, don't miss an opportunity to brag about yourself! Yes, first answer the question asked *and then* add what you want them to know about your project.
6. **KYB.** Know your bibliography! Judges read thoroughly, so be prepared to answer any questions about sources.
7. **Be proud!** You have created an AMAZING project. You are representing Wisconsin and no matter who wins on the National Stage we are thrilled for you!!