



Group or Individual Project?

You face important questions right when you begin your History Day project. Do you want to work alone or in a group? If you work in a group, who do you want on your team? Think carefully about the following as you make these important decisions.

1. Circle three words that describe the roles that you usually play in when working in a group.

- Group leader Works Best Alone Great with Technology Likes to Work with Their Hands
- Keeps on Schedule Last-Minute Planner Works best with Friends Loves Writing Enjoys Acting

2. Use a highlighter to select the three words that describe your ideal group member.

3. Selecting group members is about strategy and balance, just like a baseball team. A baseball team needs people with a variety of strengths, including those who are good at hitting, running, pitching and catching. Coaches don't want to pick players that won't show up for games or who don't play fair. List five qualities that make someone a good partner and five traits that you want to avoid in your group members:

Positive Characteristics	Traits to Avoid
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

4. There are advantages and disadvantages to working both individually or in a group.

Complete the following chart by filling in two advantages and two disadvantages to working as an individual and working as a group.

Individual Project	
Advantages	Disadvantages
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
Group Project	
Advantages	Disadvantages
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____

5. I would rather work: (circle one) Alone In a Group

6. Why?
