

Official Abstract and Bibliography Pages  
West Virginia State Social Studies Fair

Each project must have a completed abstract using this format only. An abstract may be handwritten or completed on a computer, but it must be on this form which will expand as you type. The abstract may only be two pages in length not including the bibliography. The bibliography page follows the abstract and it may be expanded as necessary. The bibliography must accompany the abstract. **A COPY OF THE ABSTRACT MUST REMAIN WITH THE PROJECT DISPLAY AT ALL TIMES.**

Your Big Idea (Project Title): \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ I (grades 3-5) \_\_\_\_\_ II (grades 6-8) \_\_\_\_\_ III (grades 9-12)

**1. Tell why you chose to investigate this Big Idea.**

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**2. State the essential questions that you asked (The important things you wanted to know about your Big Idea.).**

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**3. List the research methods that you used (email, primary source documents such as letters, diaries, government papers, interviews, letter writing, travel, Internet, Podcasts, Wikis, etc.).**

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**4.** How did you validate your sources of information?

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**5.** Write a brief summary of your project.

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**6.** State your conclusion.

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**7.** Suggest a way to change or improve the outcome, or make a future prediction about what you anticipate based on what you have learned.

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Complete Your Bibliography on the Following Page



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