

West Virginia State Social Studies Fair

2021 Judges' Score Card

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Judging Criteria

Score

Abstract and Research Methods	0-5 points per line
▪ Purpose of investigation is well-defined.	
▪ Quality essential questions / research questions are used to drive the investigation.	
▪ Project employs appropriate research methods using a variety of valid sources.	
▪ Abstract is free of grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors. Abstract length does not exceed 3 pages plus bibliography.	
▪ Written summary provides a comprehensive overview of purpose, research methods, findings and conclusions.	
▪ Conclusions are supported by sound evidence and are tied to research questions.	
▪ Project goes beyond reporting facts. Student analyzes information; draws connections between ideas, events, or time periods; demonstrates the relevance of the research; or makes future predictions.	
▪ References are appropriately cited and documented in either APA or MLA format.	
Abstract and Research Methods Section Total	40 Points Possible

Video Presentation	0-5 points per line
▪ Introduction captures audience's attention and provides a clear statement of purpose.	
▪ Presentation is creative or unique.	
▪ Presentation is well-organized. Events and messages are presented in a logical order. Slides or content are arranged to support the main points.	
▪ Presentation is self-explanatory and highlights the most relevant information.	
▪ Use of notes or cue cards is limited and does not detract from the presentation.	
▪ Problem, purpose and/or hypotheses are clearly explained, well-defined and strongly related.	
▪ Data and other information are presented coherently.	
▪ Presentation demonstrates a strong level of understanding of purpose, content, findings and conclusions.	
▪ Artifacts, charts, graphics or photographs are used effectively to enhance the presentation.	
▪ Closing provides an appropriate summary of the project's purpose, findings, and conclusions.	
▪ Student speaks clearly and confidently, with fluctuation in volume and inflection to maintain audience interest and emphasize key points.	
▪ Final product demonstrates an age-appropriate level of professionalism and production quality. Visual aesthetics, special effects, unnecessary graphics, sound effects or color schemes do not detract from the presentation or viewing experience.	
Video Presentation Section Total	60 Points Possible

Total Score	100 Points Possible
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COMMENTS

- Strengths
- Areas of Improvement

Place Awarded (circle):	First <i>Minimum Score: 90</i>	Second <i>Minimum Score: 80</i>	Third <i>Minimum Score: 70</i>	Honorable Mention
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RULE COMPLIANCE - Rule violations may result in disqualification. JUDGES: Immediately report all suspected rule violations to the fair director or the director's designee. Violations must be reported prior to the conclusion of judging.

Project poses a safety hazard or contains prohibited items (see rules for a list of prohibited items).

Other rule violation: _____