West Virginia State Social Studies Fair

2017 Judges' Score Card

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Judging Criteria

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.	
▪ 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**	

Oral Presentation	0-5 points per line
▪ Introduction captures audience's attention and provides a clear statement of purpose.	
▪ Presentation style is creative and well-organized. Use of notes is limited and does not detract from the presentation.	
▪ Student makes eye contact with judges and speaks in a clear and confident voice. Facial expressions and body language demonstrate interest and enthusiasm in the subject matter.	
▪ Presentation demonstrates a strong level of understanding of purpose, content, findings and conclusions.	
▪ Student uses elements of the physical display to support and/or enhance the oral presentation.	
▪ Closing provides an appropriate summary of the project's purpose, findings, and conclusions.	
▪ Responses to judges' questions demonstrate knowledge of purpose, methods, findings, and/or conclusions. Student responds appropriately if unable to answer a judge's question.	
***Oral Presentation* Section Total** **35 Points Possible**	

Physical Display	0-5 points per line
▪ Display is self-explanatory and highlights the most relevant information.	
▪ Data and other information are arranged coherently.	
▪ Display is creative and/or unique.	
▪ Display is neat, well-organized and free from grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors.	
▪ Artifacts, charts, photographs, or technological devices are used effectively to enhance the display.	
***Physical Display* Section Total** **25 Points Possible**	

Total Score **100 Points Possible**	

COMMENTS

- Strengths
- Areas of Improvement

Place Awarded (circle):	First *Minimum Score: 90*	Second *Minimum Score: 80*	Third *Minimum Score: 70*	Honorable Mention

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.

□ Physical display exceeds maximum size limitations (36"x30"x48"). If so, document actual size: W:___" D:___" H: ___"

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

□ Other rule violation: _____