

West Virginia State Social Studies Fair

2019 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

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
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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.

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: _____