

RULES/Checklist

Checklist and rules for the Region VIII Social Studies Fair:

_____1. Once submitted into a Discipline such as Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Louisiana History, Political Science, or Sociology, the student or students project will be judged in that category. No exceptions. Please make sure you list the correct Discipline on the entry form. No changes will be made on the day of the fair. Students will compete in the Discipline they are registered in.

_____2. The exhibitor will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to explain, defend, and answer questions on the project. It is suggested that student presentations not exceed three (3) minutes in order to allow time for Judges' questions. Please note that the oral presentation makes a great initial impression on the Judges.

_____3. Projects are limited to a table space of 30 inches deep (front-to-back) and 36 inches wide (side-to-side). All elements of the project must fit within the space assigned at the fair and not encroach on adjacent space. No part of the project may be under the display table. No project may exceed 100 pounds in weight and 100 inches in height. Projects must be self-explanatory, stand by themselves, and have back and/or sideboards.

_____4. The State Social Studies Fair and many local fairs do require that all projects be accompanied by a paper with a properly written title page, table of contents, abstract, body of paper, conclusions, footnotes (Division III only), and bibliography. Participants in the Region VIII Social Studies Fair are also expected to include such a paper.

_____5. Cassette players, light bulbs, batteries, or any other equipment required for a project must be furnished by the entrant. All projects requiring electricity should be indicated on the Official Entry Form and accompanied by an extension cord. Projects using computers must have electrical surge protection devices. All such equipment must fit within the space allocated for the project. The Region VIII Social Studies Fair is not responsible for any equipment, valuables, or other items left on display, especially audio-visual or computer equipment.

_____6. The entrant's name, school, hometown, or other identifying information is not visible anywhere on the project or research paper. Entrants are requested not to wear school uniforms or other identifying clothing.

_____7. No live animals, embryos, fetuses, or original archaeological items are exhibited on the project.

_____8. For the Regional Fair, Group projects may have all of the students help orally present their project, HOWEVER, the State Fair specifies that Group projects must have

a single designated spokesman (only one student can present). No student will be allowed to enter or defend more than one project, whether Individual or Group.

_____9. Parents and teachers will not be allowed in the project area during the judging periods and during the distribution of awards. No communication between students and parents or teachers will be allowed during the actual judging. This will be strictly enforced. Teachers are invited to take advantage of the Hospitality Room TBA. No children are allowed in the hospitality room. Free coffee and doughnuts will be available. Public viewing of projects will be announced on the day of the fair.

_____10. Students must remain with their projects throughout the judging periods from 8:30 to 11:30 (or when dismissed for lunch). The Judges will view all projects at least once between 8:30 and 11:30. It may be necessary for the Judges to view some projects more than once when determining winners. If you have not been judged at all by 11:30, notify someone at one of the Information Tables immediately. Please note that all students must return to their projects following the Lunch Break. There will be a 1st-4th place awards ceremony in the University Center at 12:30p.m.

_____11. Cameras and video cameras will not be allowed in the judging area during the judging period from 8:30 to 11:30. This will be strictly enforced.

_____12. Radios, tape players, and televisions will not be allowed in the judging area unless such equipment is specifically related to a project. Recordings, which are related to a project, should be played at low volume. Judges or the Director of the Fair will make the decision as to what constitutes “low volume”. This will be strictly enforced.

_____13. Students may bring game boys, iPods or books.

_____14. Decisions of Judges are final. The Judges for the Region VIII Social Studies are experts in the Disciplines to which they are assigned. Interference with judging or harassment of judges and other Fair personnel may lead to disqualification.

_____15. The Judges’ Room is off limits to everyone except the Judges and other Fair personnel. Inquiries should be directed to the Information Table.

_____16. Research paper is **not** attached to the backboard.

_____17. Title page is included (not labeled as such (in other words don’t put “Title Page” at the top)

_____18. Table of Contents is included (labeled at the top of the page, separate page)

_____19. Abstract is included (labeled at the top of the page, separate page)

_____20. Body of Research is included (pages are not labeled, in other words don’t put the words “Body of Research at the top of each page)

- _____21. Conclusion is included (labeled at the top of the page, separate page)
- _____22. Footnotes/Endnotes are included (labeled at the top of the page) (required for Division III projects, optional for Division I and Division II.)
- _____23. Bibliography is included (labeled at the top of the page, separate page)
- _____24. The research paper is typed (required for Division III, optional for Division I and Division II)
- _____25. Minimum 100 ft. extension cord if needed for project.
- _____26. This project, as is, has not, nor will be entered into any other type of fair (i.e. Science, Home Economics, and Industrial Arts) other than social studies fair.
- _____27. If my project deals with archeology, I am aware of state regulations governing this topic.
- _____28. Parents and/or school personnel are responsible for the supervision and safety of the entrant. The Regional Social Studies Fair personnel are not responsible for supervision or for lost or stolen items.
- _____29. Judges' evaluation forms for projects will not be made public following the conclusion of the state fair.
- _____30. Any concerns must go through your teachers to be presented to the Regional fair director.
- _____31. Failure by a student, parent, or teacher to adhere to all rules of the Region VIII Social Studies Fair may lead to disqualification. Should you require further explanation of the Region VIII Social Studies Fair rules or procedures, please write to:

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