



# Haverhill High School

Haverhill History Club

Massachusetts National History Day Competition



# What is National History Day?



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Massachusetts

NHD is a regional, state, and national history research competition that centers around an annual historical theme.

Students spend five months extensively researching, writing, and preparing their project to present before judges.

This is a program that fosters deep critical thinking skills





# What are National History Day “Themes?”



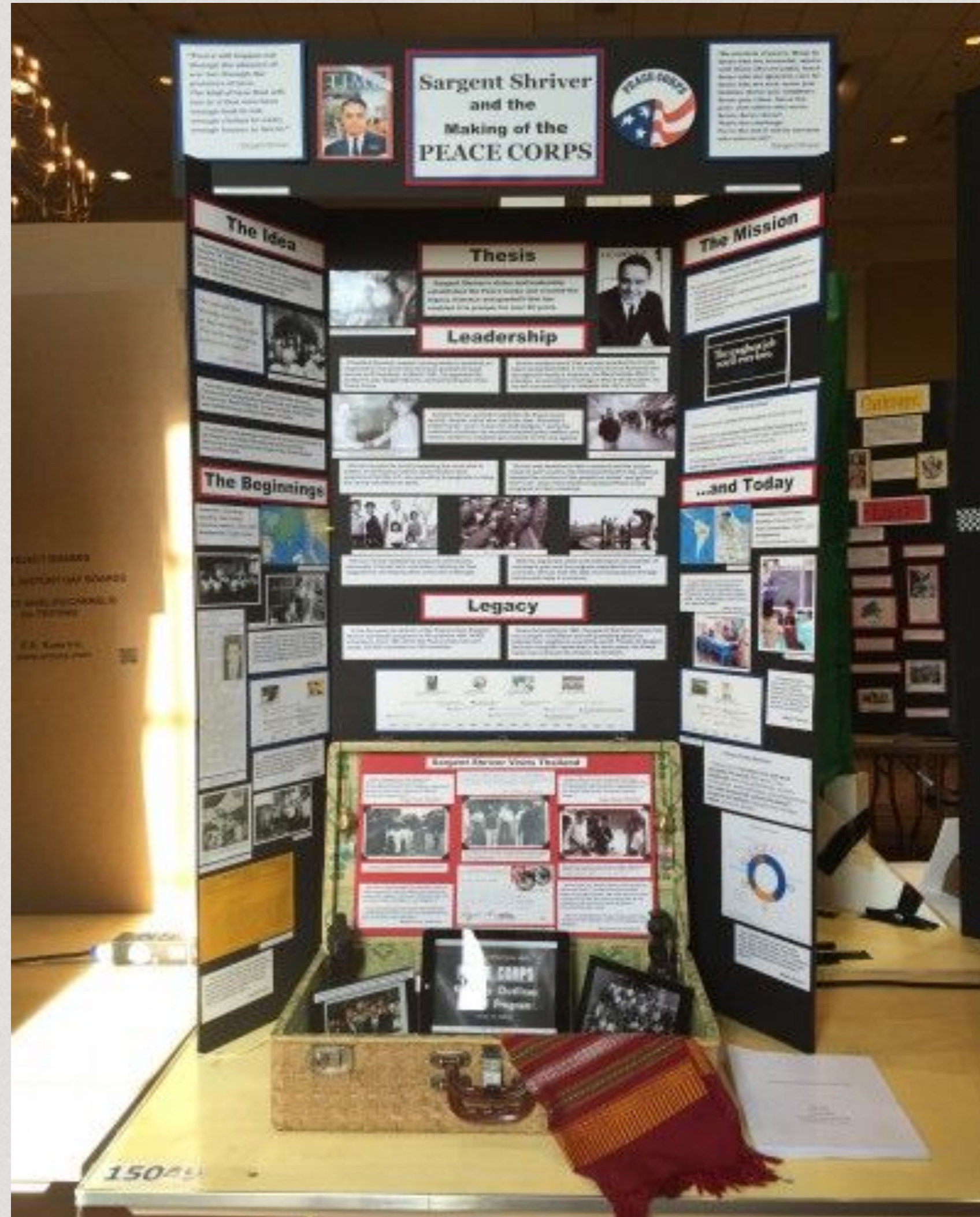
An NHD theme is a focal point in which students center their ideas and ultimately their thesis statements around their research topic.

This year's theme was titled “Rights and Responsibilities.”





# How many students partake each year?



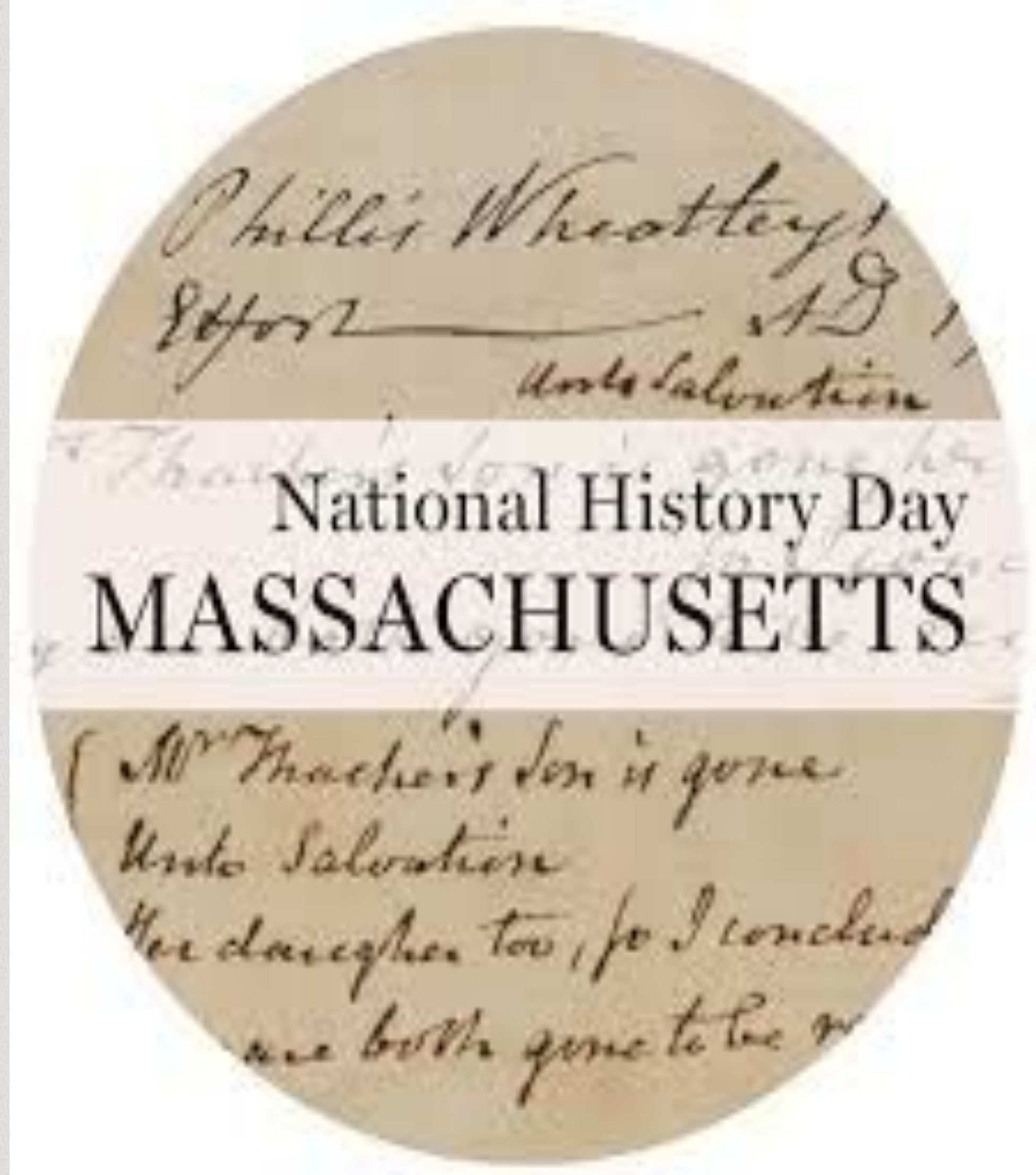
On average over 6,000 students in Massachusetts high schools participate each year.

In 2025, this past year, there has been a 37% increase in participation across the state.





# What Skills are Learned ?



## **Research Skills**

- Archival research
- Analysis of primary source documentation

## **Writing Skills and Development**

## **Speaking Skills**

- Students must present their thesis and project to a board of judges





# National History Day Course Credit

Students who participate and produce a project that adheres to the NHD requirements can receive a half credit toward their graduation requirement.

Additionally, participation in NHD stands out on college applications as well as academic resumes.

We are actively seeking any new students who may be willing to participate in next year's project!





# 2025 HHS Student Participants

Graydon England (9): *"Bound by the Ring: The Lack of Rights and Unfair Responsibilities of 1950s and 1960s Housewives"*

**Graydon won Outstanding Project for Gender Studies in Massachusetts**

Miles Stapel and Gabriel Buerger (11): *"On the Sympathies and Apathies of Nuremberg"*

Isabella Aloisi (11): *"The Pen as a Sword: The Impact of Journalists on the Belgian Congo Genocide"*

**Isabella won Outstanding Project for New Massachusetts NHD School**

Edward Feoli (11): *"Rights and Responsibilities: Industrial Families Asundered by Society's All Shaking Thunder"*