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General Criteria

An entry must:

- Be historically accurate and correct and should include primary and secondary sources where appropriate with these sources being acknowledged correctly.
- Reflect an understanding of the period you are researching and the attitudes and values of the people at that time, and relate your findings to the theme.
- Meet the criteria for the entry format and be clearly and logically set out.
- Include a bibliography in your investigation and for Years 9 -12 you have an annotated this bibliography.
- Be original and not use the words or ideas of other people without acknowledgement.

Presentation Formats

Students may enter one of the following three formats:

- **Individual Research Essay**
- **Multimedia**
- **Other Format**

Any entries that do not meet their relevant criteria will not be considered for judging.



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- **Individual Research Essay**

This format MUST be an individual (one participant) entry

The essay must:

- Be completed by an individual only.
- Be submitted with a copy of the entry form, completed and signed.
- Include a 50 word descriptor which summarises your essay.

Primary to Year 8

LENGTH 800 to 1000 words (using computer word count), not including the bibliography or 50 word descriptor. A bibliography must be included.

Years 9 to 12

LENGTH 1000 to 2000 words (using the computer word count), not including the bibliography or 50 word descriptor. An annotated bibliography and appropriate referencing must be included.

Only one copy of your research is required for judging at school level. AT STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL, FOUR COPIES OF YOUR ENTRY ARE REQUIRED.

**The total word count includes quotes but not footnotes.*



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- **Museum Exhibit**

A museum exhibit is a representation or model based on the theme. It must meet the size and portability criteria set out below.

You may use this format in any Year Level or Special Category in the National History Challenge. However, some Special Categories have specific requirements and conditions, please refer to each Special Category.

Any entry that uses this format will be considered for the Museum Exhibit prize.

Your entry must:

- Be an individual or group entry, (maximum of four in any one group).
- Be submitted with 4 copies of the entry form, completed and signed.
- Be portable, lightweight, demountable and sturdy for transportation interstate if necessary. It **MUST** be submitted in a package suitable for transport by post or courier.
- Be less than 1 metre wide, 1 metre deep and 1 metre high when assembled.
- May not have more than 1000 words of student composed written material or more than 3 minutes of recorded information if AV devices are built into the model. (A hard copy of such material must be submitted with the entry). This limit **DOES NOT APPLY** to primary sources included in the model.

Primary to Year 9

- A 50 word (maximum) written explanation of how the research was carried out to create and develop the Exhibit must be included. It must conclude with a strong statement about the relationship of the model to the theme.
- A bibliography must be included.



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- Entries must be student produced and presented, no external assistance is allowed at any stage of the model's development or presentation.

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- **Other Formats**

May be an individual or group entry (4 people maximum)

Others formats could include presentations such as:

- Multimedia
- Performance
- Website
- Other form of creative representation

Your entry must be:

- Submitted with a copy of the entry form, completed and signed
- Submitted with appropriate software to run the presentation
- Portable, light weight, demountable and sturdy for transport
- Submitted in a package suitable for transport by post or courier
- Less than 1 metre wide, 1 metre deep and 1 metre high when assembled
- Succinct, a maximum of 10 minutes will be spent judging the entry and its components
- Student produced and presented

You entry must include:

- A bibliography, annotated in years 9-12.
- A 50 word (max) written explanation of how the research was carried out to create and develop the presentation. It must conclude with a strong statement about the relationship of the presentation to the theme.
- 4 copies of the entry

Only one copy of your research is required for judging at school level. AT STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL, FOUR WRITTEN COPIES OF YOUR WRITTEN EXPLANATION AND BIBLIOGRAPHY ARE REQUIRED.