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To: CISD Pre-AP History Students and Parents
RE: Comal ISD History Fair

We are looking forward to beginning another year of History Fair at CISD. All 7th and 8th Grade Pre-AP History students are required to participate in this exciting competition. All other 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to participate.

Students will be working in their classrooms and at home on their projects that will be in accordance with the 2011 National History Day Theme of **Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures and Consequences**. On _____ will be hosting a History Fair which will give students an opportunity to critique their project with several History teachers plus allow time for changes before **the CISD History Fair on January 29th, 2011**. The CISD District Fair will be held at Mountain Valley Middle School. Our students, or a designated appointee, are required to setup his or her project at both the campus History Fair and the CISD History Fair at MVMS.

The categories in which you can develop a project are research paper, documentary, exhibit, dramatic performance or website. All categories except research paper allow for individual or group submission. Projects (except documentary or performance) must stand-alone. All judging at the campus fair and CISD District Fair will take place without the student's presence. Students may make changes to their projects after each level of competition (campus, district, regional, state and national).

Teachers will be discussing the various types of projects and individual guidelines with the students throughout the Fall Semester. Teachers also will be taking checkpoint grades to keep students on target with district and regional due dates.

Information, such as rules, guidelines, sample project topics, deadlines etc., can be located on the **TSHA Online Texas History Day website**: <http://www.tshaonline.org/education/thd/index.html> or straight from the **National History Day website**: <http://www.nationalhistoryday.org>.

We are excited about this year's History Fair and are confident that the quality of projects will reflect the exemplary students of CISD.

Sincerely,

CISD Social Studies Teachers

_____ understands the obligations and commitments of the CISD History Fair. Students will work within the guidelines to produce a quality project.

Student Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date