

National History Day

is a yearlong program engaging over 500,000 students in research, writing, interpretation, and the presentation of history based projects at a district, state, and national level. Each year thousands of Oklahoma students actively become young historians through the program. Here is one example of how you can participate!

Activity: Image Analysis

Suggested Grades

2-12

Overview

Images from the past come in many different forms. They can be photographs, paintings, illustrations, advertising materials, postcards, and more. These images can provide details on individuals, clothing, and places.

Objectives

Through images historians have the chance to see what the past looked like. This activity will help students analyze

people, clothing, locations, and architecture from the past and relate it to themselves.

Time Needed

One to two class periods for image examination and research.

Materials Needed

Images to be used for analysis. May include art, photographs, postcards, illustrations, or other graphic images.

Access to library/internet resources for research

Instructions

- 1 Select an image for your students to examine.
- 2 Have students examine the image for several minutes.
- 3 Have students answer these questions:
 - a. Are there people in this image? What are the individuals doing? What kind of clothes are they wearing? Can you date the image from the clothes?
 - b. Are there objects in this image? What kind of objects are there? Are they objects from home, an office, a vacation? Can you date the objects?
 - c. What activity is going on in the image? Is it a battle, a dance, a workplace, and event?
 - d. Are there buildings in this image? What kind of buildings? Is it an urban or rural place? Can you tell the date of the image from the architecture?
 - e. What questions does this image raise in your mind? Where can you find the answers to your questions?

Additional Information

If you would like to find out more about National History Day in Oklahoma you can contact us at 405-522-3602 or visit www.okhistory.org/historyday.