Objectives Alignment



Chicago Metro History Fair and the International Baccalaureate Based on MYP Year 3 (8th grade)

International Baccalaureate MYP Criteria Individuals and Societies	History Fair/NHD model of inquiry and project-based learning objective alignment
A. Knowing and Understanding	F,
Students develop factual and conceptual knowledge about individuals and societies. "Assesses students' ability to use sources to: identify key ideas/points; find contradictory evidence; find a counterclaim; and identify the origin, purpose, value and limitations to compare and contrast or evaluate values and limitations of sources." "Assesses students' ability to engage in the activity of producing a piece of extended writing or communicating creatively."	 Demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of social, economic, political, and cultural historical contexts that inform their topic. Distinguish factual accuracy, credible sources, multiple perspectives, relevant knowledge. Undertake essential questions and themes of history as they build their knowledge and comprehension. Study a narrow topic in-depth. While the topic has a local history connection, it can be best understood in its national and global context.
B. Investigating	Context
Students develop systematic research skills and processes associated with disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Students develop successful strategies for investigating independently and in collaboration with others "Assesses students' ability to use a variety of sources to respond to structured questions" "Assesses students' ability to engage in the activity of producing a piece of extended writing or communicating creatively."	 Form their own historical research question on a topic of their choosing. Employ metacognitive skills, maintain and meet deadlines of a three to six month research project. Conduct research using digital sources, collections in libraries, archives, and community and university resources. Use note-taking methods that promote active learning (such as Cornell). Collect, analyze, and use credible and relevant sources as evidence that support an original thesis.

C. Communicating

Students develop skills to organize, document and communicate their learning using a variety of media and presentation formats.

- "Assesses students' ability to engage in the activity of producing a piece of extended writing or communicating creatively."
- "Assesses students' ability to use a variety of sources to respond to structured questions."
- Communicate their argument and interpretation by presenting a research paper, exhibit, performance, documentary or website to a public audience.
- Use the project category best suited to the sources, displaying careful attention to details to produce a presentation which is coherent, well-organized, and engaging.
- Create a bibliography, using MLA or Chicago styles, which must be annotated (papers must use citations).

D. Thinking Critically

Students use critical-thinking skills to develop and apply their understanding of individuals and societies and the process of investigation.

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- Analyze concepts, events, issues, models and arguments using historical thinking skills.
- Use evidence to reach a conclusion.
- Evaluate historical significance.
- Explain cause and effect and change over time and analyze short term and long-term impact.
- "Source documents" (evaluate and analyze) for origin, purpose, author, audience, value, limitations, and context.
- Recognize, interpret, and incorporate multiple perspectives in primary sources and different interpretations in secondary sources.
- Develop a thesis based on the historical question.
- Synthesize primary and secondary sources to tell a story and make a valid, well-supported argument based on the evidence.
- Evaluate the relevance of their topic to the present.