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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

With the success of our Heritage Fairs program, we are pleased to launch the High School Heritage Challenge!

The province-wide contest is for students in grades 9-12 and open to any student in Saskatchewan (teachers do not have to pre-register). Students can submit projects on our website where projects will be judged remotely and be available for public viewing.

So, what story will your High School Heritage Challenge project tell? Whatever you choose, don't be afraid to go beyond the books and get your information from alternative sources. Oral history interviews, visits to museums and archives, or fieldwork are all excellent ways to conduct research. There are many ways you can collect information on your topic and just as many unique ways to share your project. A video game, essay or video are just some of the many platforms you could use to participate in the High School Heritage Challenge.

WHAT IS HERITAGE?

Heritage Defined: Heritage is what we have received from the past. It shapes our present identity and provides insight for our future. Heritage includes a range of activities in the areas of stewardship, preservation, research, education and engagement. Within this context these activities must exhibit sensitivity to: the indigenous natural environment; the impact of the interaction between human activity and natural environments; and differing perspectives regarding objects, ideas, places and traditions.

CHOOSING A TOPIC

When choosing a topic, consider the definition of heritage: Heritage is what we have received from the past. It shapes our present identity and provides insight for our future. With this in mind, you may choose a topic about anything related to Canada. This could include a subject specific to your local or personal heritage – family or community traditions, local stories/folklore, your natural environment, just to name a few!



RULES FOR THE CONTEST: THE CHALLENGE!

While judges will want to learn about the topic itself and its importance to you, the challenge is for you to think critically and broadly about how your topic relates to key living heritage themes: wellbeing, reconciliation, environmental sustainability, justice, and intangible cultural heritage. (You do not need to address all of these themes in your project! You can choose to focus on what is relevant to your topic.)

Projects can be any of the following formats: videos, websites, research papers, games, photo essays, presentations, and combinations thereof. Creative elements, such as artwork and poetry, can also be included.

When you have finished your project, you can submit it online to Heritage Saskatchewan's website for judging, and where it will be displayed on its virtual gallery.

Time limits: Please keep each video or audio file to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes in length. In general, your project should take 15-20 minutes for a judge to view.

Note: This is a non-interactive contest, so judges will not be able to ask questions and you will not be able to clarify or elaborate further once you have submitted your project.

Suggested word-count: Written projects should be 1000-2500 words in length. This will vary depending on language.

Projects can be in any language. (For non-English projects, please include an English translation of the title and a one-sentence description of the topic. This will help Heritage Saskatchewan staff promote the project.) Projects can also be bilingual or multilingual.

You are required to provide a list of references and provide photo credits. Projects without references will not be judged and therefore will not be eligible for any awards. Otherwise, how well you cite your sources is considered as part of the overall judging process.

For more information about plagiarism, visit this link:

<https://heritagesask.ca/heritagefairs/high-school-heritage-challenge/plagiarism-and-copyright>

To learn how to write a bibliography, visit this link:

<https://www.bibliography.com/how-to/how-to-write-a-bibliography-for-a-school-project/>

FOR EDUCATORS

The High School Heritage Challenge accepts submissions done for a class project as well as independent study by individual students. Teachers do not need to register in advance, nor is there any requirement to have a school or classroom contest.

Heritage is a wide-reaching, multidisciplinary subject that promotes leadership, citizenship and critical thinking. The lessons that students will learn in creating their High School Heritage Challenge projects can be applied to a variety of subjects and will apply to whatever future career students choose to pursue. After all, heritage is more than just history; heritage encompasses all aspects of our lives.

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Heritage Saskatchewan serves as the heritage community of interest for SaskCulture. In this capacity, and through our research, we have the ability to influence and inform new thinking about heritage. In turn, we are sharing our knowledge with the people of Saskatchewan to strengthen our collective ability to lead, collaborate, develop and promote Living Heritage in Saskatchewan – giving voice to Living Heritage. Living Heritage are those values, beliefs and ways of living we inherit from past generations that we still use to understand the present and make choices for the future. This Living Heritage shapes our sense of identity as individuals and our relationships with others, shaping our communities and our quality of life.

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