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**Canada's History, Told by Students**

*New national program highlights student perspectives  
on the diverse histories that shape our country*

**WINNIPEG, June 9, 2025** — Canada's History Society is proud to announce the launch of the **Heritage Fair National Showcase**, a celebration of student curiosity, creativity, and commitment to exploring Canada's history, heritage, and culture. This year's participants—selected from approximately 50 regional Heritage Fairs across the country—represent a new generation of historians passionate about understanding the past to make sense of the present.

From local legends and family stories to projects on Treaties, immigration, injustices, and inventions, the National Showcase honours the breadth and depth of Canadian history as explored by 75 students in grades 4 to 12.

"These students are asking big questions and engaging deeply with history," said Melony Ward, President and CEO of Canada's History Society. "They remind us that learning about the past is essential to understanding who we are—and who we can be—as a country. As they explore Canada's history, they recognize their place in it and their connections to each other."

The Heritage Fair program encourages young people to investigate historical topics that matter to them and share their findings in community-based events. Students were selected to advance to the National Showcase based on the quality of their research process.

Four students will be named **National Showcase winners**, receiving a \$500 RESP contribution and a trip for two to a special celebration. The winning projects will be featured in *Canada's History* magazine. In addition, a **People's Choice Prize** of \$100 will be awarded to three projects through a public vote running from **June 9 to July 1, 2025**.

With renewed national conversations around Canadian identity, unity, and reconciliation, the Heritage Fair program plays an important role in helping students ask thoughtful questions, examine diverse perspectives, and connect history to their own lives and experiences.

To explore this year's National Showcase and to vote for your favourite project, visit:

[CanadasHistory.ca/NationalShowcase](https://CanadasHistory.ca/NationalShowcase)

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### **About Canada's History Society**

Canada's History Society is a national charitable organization based in Winnipeg that works to connect Canadians through history. Canada's History Society aims to strengthen understanding of the complex and diverse histories of our country and their part in shaping contemporary Canada. It publishes the magazines *Canada's History* and *Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids/ Navigue dans l'histoire du Canada* (available digitally at [CanadasHistory.ca](http://CanadasHistory.ca)), and oversees education and award programs, including the Governor General's History Awards and Heritage Fairs.

### **About Heritage Fairs**

The Heritage Fairs program is a bilingual educational initiative that encourages students to investigate Canadian history and heritage through creative, student-led projects. Each year, thousands of students ranging from grades 4 to 12 research and present topics of historical significance at school-based fairs throughout Canada. Top projects are selected to participate in one of approximately 50 community-based fairs held each spring, with up to 100 projects advancing to the online Heritage Fair National Showcase, hosted by Canada's History Society.

Since the program's founding in 1993, approximately 2 million students have completed a Heritage Fair project. The program is supported by more than 1,000 dedicated volunteers and continues to foster a deeper appreciation of Canada's diverse past among youth nationwide.