



## Heritage Fairs: the Curriculum Connection

Participation in Heritage Fairs contributes to the development of the curricular competencies, big ideas and content knowledge required by the B.C. Social Studies curriculum.

Teachers may look for ways to connect learning in Social Studies with any or all of the following provincially prescribed curricula:

- **Dance, drama, music visual arts** – the role of the arts in sustaining and communicate culture; historical and cultural context of the arts
- **English/French language arts** – effective communication and research strategies; the role of literature and storytelling in sustaining and communicating culture
- **Health and career education** – group processes; leadership; families; purpose of rules; roles, rights, and responsibilities at home, at school, and in the community; needs and wants; decision making; work and jobs in the community
- **Mathematics** – the mathematical principles of map making, particularly latitude and longitude and time zones
- **Science** – daily and seasonal changes; resource use issues

**For more information on Heritage Fairs and the BC curriculum:** <http://bcheritagefairs.ca/heritage-fairs-and-the-bc-curriculum/>

*Heritage Fairs combine passion and purpose with historical thinking. Students choose a significant topic in Canadian history, follow the steps of the historical thinking method to explore the topic, and present their discoveries to the public. Ideally, they connect their personal stories to the larger stories of the community and country. Heritage Fairs are different from science fairs because often the student's projects sheds light important but little known people and events and educates the community. They are also different because of the personal meaning, the use of historical evidence and the importance given to telling a significant story.*

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The 2018 FV Regional Heritage Fair is sponsored by The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford. **The Regional Fair will be held at the University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford Campus on Thursday, April 19 (judging day) and Friday, April 20 (evening Awards Ceremony)** with 120 participants representing schools from throughout the Fraser Valley.

The Heritage Fair is a tiered program:

### 1. Classroom Level

Students choose a topic of personal interest on some aspect of Canadian history. They take on the role of historian, interpreter, interviewer, story teller, TV producer, or artist to communicate their learning to others. Schools host their own fair in the early spring. Adjudicators select a designated number of students to attend the Regional Heritage Fair.

### 2. Regional Level

The Regional Heritage Fair is a one day exhibition for student delegates from throughout the Fraser Valley held at UFV. The program includes project judging, heritage workshops, a campus tour, and culminates in an awards assembly held the following evening. A select number of students will be chosen to attend the Provincial Heritage Fair.

### 3. Provincial Level

The BC Heritage Fairs Society organizes the five-day Provincial Fair. Delegations from each of the thirteen Regional Fair sites attend with their chaperones, they engage in heritage related activities and field trips and showcase their projects to the public. The Provincial Fair is usually held in a different BC community each year. Delegates are eligible to apply to the BCHFS Alumni program.

## Getting Involved

- Decide to participate at your next school planning meeting.
- Select a date for your School/Classroom Fair by March 16, 2018 to allow ample time for participant registration to the Regional Fair. Heritage Week in February is ideal!
- Register your school for the program with the Regional Fair Coordinator, forms will be available in the fall of 2017.
- Utilize available resources to guide the process on project selection, program guidelines and information for students found on the BC Heritage Fairs website and/or book a presenter to visit your school.

**Seven Steps to a Powerful Heritage Fair Project:** [http://bcheritagefairs.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/7\\_steps\\_to\\_powerful\\_HF\\_project-revised-draft.pdf](http://bcheritagefairs.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/7_steps_to_powerful_HF_project-revised-draft.pdf)

**Tips for Teachers:** <http://bcheritagefairs.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/TipsforTeachers-HeritageFairs.pdf>

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