

CHICAGO METRO HISTORY FAIR 2015 SUMMARY STATEMENT

Attach an annotated bibliography (AB) that is divided between primary and secondary sources.
Submit two copies of the SS and AB at the competition. *Please type.*

Student name(s) ___Justin
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Title _____America's First Serial Killer; The Devious Deeds of H. H. Holmes

Check if applicable (and respond to Question 3):

This project uses the 2015 National History Day theme, "Leadership & Legacy in [Chicago/Illinois] History"

Project Category: Website

1. THESIS STATEMENT

Present the project's argument or interpretation in two sentences. If you are using the NHD theme, you might want to make it evident in your thesis statement. The Exposition resulted in an enormous influx of "strangers" to Chicago who were isolated from communication with their families and friends. The Exposition provided a distraction allowing Holmes to commit homicides without the police or the acquaintances of the many victims noticing his devious deeds

2. SUMMARY OF PROJECT

Briefly explain your project and its conclusion. Include: How and why did change happen and what was the impact? Why is it historically significant? What historical meaning or importance can we learn from your findings? Change happened when H. H. Holmes was discovered because people started to realize what can go on behind closed doors. H. H. Holmes changed the course of history greatly because he created a new age of killers and is still remembered more than a century later.

3. Required for projects using the National History Day theme only.

Explain how this project integrates the NHD theme "Leadership & Legacy in [Chicago/Illinois] History" into its argument. H. H. Holmes left a very large legacy in Chicago with the title of America's first serial killer. The Pinkerton agency caught H. H. Holmes because one detective led the rest of the agency to H. H. Holmes.

4. PROCESS

- What historical question did you start off with—and how did it change once you began doing your research? I started with the question how the World's Columbian Exposition and H. H. Homes affect each other, now it is how did the Exposition make it easier for H. H. Holmes to murder people.
- What kinds of sources did you use as evidence to develop your argument (for example, letters, photographs, government documents, interviews, etc.)? Interviews, photographs, news articles, and TV shows.
- Select one piece of evidence that you used and explain how it influenced your argument.
People believed that H. H. Holmes was a supernatural being and was able to kill people from the dead based on a "curse" where a lot of people her had to do with H. H. Holmes died mysteriously.
- List libraries (other than school), museums, and other institutions that you visited to do your research. Sultz, Harold Washington.