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KANSAS STUDENT SELECTED TO PRESENT NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROJECT IN WASHINGTON

Visitors to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. will see the work of a Kansas student Wednesday, June 13 as part of National History Day, June 10 – 14. Emily Simpson, Uniontown Junior High School, will show her junior individual exhibit, “From Prairie to Dust to Conservation: The Story of the Soil on the Great Plains.” The Fort Scott student was one of five students selected to exhibit at the National Archives. Their exhibits will be on display from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. This year’s theme is *Triumph & Tragedy*.

These are among the fifty-one students who qualified to represent Kansas at National History Day. Kansas History Day is administered by the Kansas State Historical Society. More than 2,000 students will participate in the National History Day (NHD) national contest at the University of Maryland, College Park.

The NHD program annually engages more than half a million participants in grades six through twelve, from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and American Samoa. More than a student competition, NHD is a campaign to change the teaching and learning of history in our nation’s classrooms. The program is having a profound impact on education and received the Charles Frankel Prize for Public Programming from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through publications and educational programs, NHD trains teachers to move students beyond textbooks and expand their classrooms to include libraries, museums and archives. More information is available at www.nationalhistoryday.org.