

Our original topic for National History Day was the USS Indianapolis. We found that we couldn't figure out how it related to this year's theme. Because of the USS Indianapolis's involvement in the Manhattan Project, our history teacher Mr. Reinholz recommended that we look into the Manhattan project. We both found this historic event to be interesting, so we decided to make The Manhattan Project our National History Day topic. We also strongly considered doing the French Revolution, but we both agreed that the Manhattan project would have more reliable primary and secondary sources.

Most of our project's information came from various websites we found while browsing the internet. The information we found on these sites was credible and relatively simple to collect and put into our own words. We found a few good primary sources online, as well as many other secondary sources. This variety of viewpoints and different sources helped with the justification of our research. We also took a class trip to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. We spent a day in the campus library looking for more diverse information. The information we found in books and databases was scanned into our google drive so we could use it later on in our research.

We decided to create a website for this year's National History Day project. We chose a website because it seemed to be the most convenient for a partnership, due to the ability to work from home, and dividing up the work. We have both had experience with creating websites from previous years and classes, but we both had no idea that it would be this challenging. We both had major, major trouble with learning how to use the new National History Day website builder. When it came to formatting the website, figuring out the navigation bar, even to basic colors, and positions of text and photos, we struggled. No matter how simple or easy the task may have

seemed, we spent countless hours just trying to make the website look like an actual website and meet our expectations. Even though our website doesn't meet our full expectations, we still tried our best and are proud of what we have accomplished.

The Manhattan Project broke barriers in the fields of science, technology, and weaponry because it was the first use of large scale nuclear energy. The bombs created in the Manhattan Project were the "kick start" to the atomic age. It has yielded the use of nuclear energy, cancer treatments, powerful weaponry, and the ability to get more detailed X-Rays in the form of CT scans.