



## 10 Tips for Completing a Heritage Fairs Project At Home:

*The 2020 Virtual Heritage Fair is a little different from the usual Heritage Fairs. Some of you were partway through your projects, while others might not have started yet or be brand-new to Heritage Fairs.*

*Any student in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 can do a Heritage Fairs project, even if you were not doing one with your school. This Tip Sheet is for anyone who wants to create (or finish) a Heritage Fairs project at home.*

1. **You can pick any topic relating to Canada!** You can decide to research anything relating to Canada: famous people, history, your family, sports, arts, nature, politics, favourite places, etc. You can also choose to do a project on a country that you/your ancestors came from, or the connections between another country and Canada. *Check out [photos of past years' projects](#) for ideas!*
2. **Research (or finish your research) online!** There are many reputable sites online that share information about Canadian heritage, culture, people, etc. With many museums and other locations closed, these locations have added extra content to their websites. Feel free to cite these as sources. *Check out [Heritage Saskatchewan's resources](#).*\*
3. **Use whatever you have at home!** You do not need to have a backboard. No need to make a special run out for supplies! If you can build a model or construct your display at home, you can submit a picture of that. You can use a bookshelf, kitchen counter, bed, stairs, or anything else as a backdrop for a display. You can submit your photos/text that you would have put on a backboard as a separate document, especially if you do not have a printer at home.
4. **Have fun building models!** (If you want to and if you think it works with your topic.) You can use LEGO, dolls/action figures, stuffed animals, etc., as well as making it out of homemade materials. If you have cardboard boxes, you could use these. Be creative! Remember to be respectful of your topic.
5. **You can be yourself!** You can decide to be as "professional" as possible, including dressing up in formal clothes for a photo/video and recreating your project just like it would be at school. You can be funny or whimsical as well, as long as you respect your topic.
6. **You do not have to have things working perfectly.** Your video might be jittery. There might be a messy kitchen or a pet in the background of your photo. Your model might not be how you initially designed it. You can make stick-figure drawings.
7. **Share as much as you can and as much as you want!** You can decide to submit a single photo (or multiple photos), or you can include written work, an audio or video of your speech, or you can submit as much as possible. The virtual judges will work with what they receive. If you just submit a photo, you will be mainly judged on your display's design, as it will be hard to determine your research (although it helps if you submit close-up photos of

your display so that the judges can read the panels). The more you submit, the more you will be able to be judged and the more prizes you will be eligible for.

8. **Do not be intimidated by other projects!** This is a good rule for any year. Everyone has access to different things. Everyone has different skills. Some topics are easier to make fancier than others.
9. **You can still work in partners [if you already were].** If you were initially working with a partner in school, you can submit separate photos or the document that you were working on together. You can continue to work separately from your homes, and both enter and we can put the entries together, or one of you can enter and give both names. (You can also decide to submit separate projects on the same topic.)
10. **You can do a project as a family!** Any student in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 can do a Heritage Fairs project. Siblings can choose to each do their own or work together as partners. You can collaborate on each other's projects as well. Siblings could also work together on a project that initially only one of them was doing for school.
11. **Bonus Tip - You could do a family history project!** While you might not be able to visit relatives, you can interview them by phone. You might have old photo albums (physical or online). Maybe someone in your family has started an online genealogy project. This would be a great project for a family to do together.

**You can also do things that you would not be able to do for the regular Heritage Fairs!** Your project can be as large or small as you want – no size restrictions! You can make food with your family and include a photograph of it. Your whole family can be involved as helpers, especially younger or older siblings. You can also do artwork, poetry, or a short story along with your project.

*\*Heritage Saskatchewan has the following resources on our website ([heritagesask.ca](http://heritagesask.ca)):*

- *Heritage Fairs Toolkit Booklet* (available for [free download](#))
- Flickr albums of past projects (keep in mind that these were not done entirely from home)
  - o <https://www.flickr.com/photos/heritagesk/albums>
- List of resources and links
  - o [https://heritagesask.ca/heritagefairs/research\\_resources](https://heritagesask.ca/heritagefairs/research_resources)
- Tip Sheets for Researching, Designing, and Presenting a Heritage Fairs project (intended for the traditional Heritage Fairs program, but much of the advice is applicable virtually as well)
  - o <https://heritagesask.ca/heritagefairs/teachersandstudents/resources>