

# Process Paper

How did you choose your topic?

I chose this topic this year because prior years I have always done a topic that was international or not related to Vermont; this year I wanted to do something new and to explore the own history of my state, and I found this quite interesting, the way Calvin Coolidge used the radio.

How did you conduct your research?

I started looking for a source that provided adequate information and an overview of the project. I found one website that had extensive information on Calvin Coolidge, and it was a local resource! I could analyze how his Vermont heritage really influenced the presidential style of him, and of course his accent. After I researched and studied enough of the topic, I had grasped an ample amount of information to create sub-topics that were crucial to understand the different aspects of Coolidge and Communication. After I understood how he used radio, I found an amazing resource from Vermont History that had transcripts of interviews with people who had actually met him! With this new information, I could now have a larger variety of resources to root my perspective and stance.

How did you choose your presentation category and created your project?

My first interest this year was a documentary, due to my ability to express my creativity and learn to create and edit a video with different software. But the steep learning curve, the need for voiceovers and many video clips was a downside that then changed my choice to a website. With a website, I could demonstrate my computing and design skills while also being able to use a variety of media formats. I then decided that the website was the best option for my History Day presentation. My project was started by creating a foundation of background information on Calvin Coolidge and how he communicated with voters. Viewers could understand the two main topics of my project. After viewers process the information, they can then understand when I express a specific perspective or opinion. After I had my content ready, I added various forms of multimedia to my website to further enhance and support the viewing experience.

How does your topic relate to the NHD theme?

With the NHD topic of Communication, my topic of Calvin Coolidge and how he utilized radio to **communicate** with voters relates very closely to the theme. Due to Coolidge implementing the radio in communication, he started the trail that other presidents followed to communicate with voters!