

I discovered my topic of Louis Braille and the Braille System when I came upon World Braille Day (January 4) while browsing through the internet. I was engaged in what it was, and after I clicked on the link, I realized it would be a wonderful idea for my history day project. World Braille Day is an international day that is celebrated to raise awareness of the significance of Braille as a method of communication for the blind and partially sighted community. I learned that Braille's name derives from its inventor, Louis Braille, who does not gain enough acknowledgment for his genius creation. In the end, I made the decision that this topic would be ideal for me to address.

I conducted my research by searching my topic on the internet to gain some basic understanding of it before I look for other sources. I wanted to use the same amount of primary sources and secondary sources for my project. I was able to find primary source documents in the Library of Congress. Other than that, I made sure to utilize reliable secondary sources with websites that end with "gov," "org," or "edu." I also made sure to use the student resources that NHD provided, specifically the helpful research links.

I wanted to create an exhibit for my topic however since everything is remote, I decided to create a website with NHDWebCentral. Creating a website allows me to be creative and also informative during the process. I knew I wanted to include plenty of photographs, videos, quotes, and documents for my presentation. Given that this was my first time making a website using the NHDWebCentral, I made sure to watch all the tutorial videos available. With the help of the tutorial videos, I managed to understand how to use the different tools to make my website look presentable as possible.

My topic relates to the NHD theme Communication: Key to Understanding because Braille revolutionized the way the blind and visually impaired people read and wrote. In a way, he granted eyes for the blind. Even Louis Braille himself said that learning how to communicate is a way for the visually impaired community to feel equal to those who have sight. On another note, it is significant to understand that not all communication is premised on speaking. The Braille system is a form of communication that facilitates the lives of the disabled.