Qin Shi Huang  
The Immortal Emperor

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**Process Paper**

The topic I chose for this year’s national history day theme of legacies and leaders in history was Emperor Qin Shi Huang. He was the first emperor of China and reunified it after the Warring States period.  I chose him as my topic because I had just been studying him for the AP World History exam.  I found him interesting because of people’s mixed views about him. He accomplished so much and I felt that he was a great leader.  Whenever I do an NHD project, I like to pick a topic that I know only a little about.  I like to learn more about history so that is why I chose Qin Shi Huang over a more common choice.

I conducted my research by mostly online methods.  I used the internet to find websites, articles, and videos about my topic.  There was not much information about my topic at my local library so I had to rely on online content.  I did use my AP World History Textbook, *Ways of the World* by Robert W. Strayer, to research some information about Qin Shi Huang.  I used many websites, mostly secondary but some primary sources.  I also used videos from YouTube and even included some of them in the website.

For my presentation category, I chose to make a website.  I have made a website for the previous two years.  I like making websites because I am good at it and I like the ability to add media as well as text.  When making a Weebly website, the first step always is to choose a theme.  I chose a theme that I felt best represented China. It has an eastern look and that is why I used it.  The next step I took is to add all the pages and subpages I needed.  That is like my outline that I made.  After that, I chose to add all the text and information before I added the images and formatting.  After I was satisfied with the information, I formatted my website and added images, videos, and sound.

This year’s NHD theme of legacy and leadership is exactly what my topic is about.  Qin Shi Huang was the first emperor of China and led the military to many battles.  He created many reforms and constructed my projects, such as the Great Wall of China.  He left behind a legacy that can be seen as both good and bad.  Even though he greatly improved the economy and sustainability of China, he was a harsh ruler and did many bad things.  He killed many citizens, including scholars, burned books, and forced peasants to build the Great Wall.  Qin Shi Huang was a powerful leader and left behind an interesting legacy.