

Hello everyone, I'm Carmen, a student from Colégio Marista Dom Silvério, currently in my first year of Ensino Médio. Personally, history has always been my favorite subject in and out of school, it really accompanied me through my whole life, and my dad had a role in it, since it's a fond memory of mine getting home and seeing him watch historical movies and documentaries. But, how did it lead me to the International History Olympiad? Well, at first, I was planning on participating in the ONHB, a national history competition, but unfortunately the registration process had already closed out, and so, I started doing some research on other competitions I could participate. After a couple of minutes of navigating through the internet, I found the International History Olympiad website, and from there I did the qualification exam, that permitted my participation in the event.

It all happened really fast, and the date of the competition is closer than ever! To prepare for it, I've been reading a lot, and doing summaries in my notebook, it was a bit hard at first because I had to readjust my whole schedule so I could study history more, mainly because I was still in my exam's week, but, fortunately, I managed to reconcile other school subjects with history. To do that, I started to read history books a lot more, watch documentaries or read the news in my free time, and overall, annotations from my notebook helped me remember and learn historical facts, not to mention that my parents support was essential for me to believe I could get in the Olympiad, and of course, to be able to travel to France and participate, but not just that, they've always motivated me to study, be it by giving me books or just listening to me rant about anything I've been studying, and from the day I learned I was actually attending the event, they've been practically bombarded with random historical events I've been studying. Also, when I told my school principals and teachers about it, they encouraged and supported me, offering all the help they could, which I'm very grateful for.

And now, the International History Olympiad is coming up, it'll definitely be an experience from which I can learn from and hopefully represent my country well. Good luck to everyone and to all a great Olympiad!