4b Student Revision Worksheet

Use this after each contest to prepare for the next level

MY NAME(S)	ANNUAL THEME	MY PROJECT TITLE	CATEGORY & DIVISION
_____	_____	_____	□ Elem □ Jr □ Sr □ Paper □ Exhibit □ Perf □ Doc □ Web □ Podcast □ Poster

PART 1: My Historical Argument

Write your thesis / historical argument below:

How does your argument connect to the annual theme?

PART 2: What Judges Said — Map Feedback to the Rubric

Note: Podcast and Poster use slightly different rubric rows — shaded rows below apply to all categories; **★ rows are for standard categories only; ♪ rows are Podcast-specific; 🖼 rows are Poster-specific.**

Rubric Category	Exemplary	Proficient	Developing	Novice	Judge's Written Comments / My Notes
Historical Argument / Thesis	□	□	□	□	
Theme Connection	□	□	□	□	
Wide Research & Primary Sources	□	□	□	□	
Historical Context	□	□	□	□	
Multiple Perspectives	□	□	□	□	

★ Historical Accuracy (Paper, Perf, Doc, Exhibit, Website, Jr/Sr Podcast)	□	□	□	□	
Significance in History	□	□	□	□	
★ Written Material / Visuals / Technical (Paper, Exhibit, Website)	□	□	□	□	
★ Dramatic Arc & Speech (Performance)	□	□	□	□	
★ Audio/Visual & Narration Quality (Documentary)	□	□	□	□	
♪ Audio Quality & Listening Experience (Podcast)	□	□	□	□	
♪ Show Notes completeness; time limit met (Podcast)	□	□	□	□	
🖼️ Visual Impact, Font & Color, Layout (Poster)	□	□	□	□	
🖼️ Size ≤ 30"×40", flat, ≤ 350 student words (Poster)	□	□	□	□	
Student Voice (all categories)	□	□	□	□	

PART 3: My Revision Plan

★ Nevada note: Podcast and Poster advance to State only — no Nationals column.

Focus your revision on the highest-quality version of your project.

What I'm changing and why	How I will make this change (specific steps)	How I'll know it's better

PART 4: Questions to Ask Yourself Before the Next Level

1. If a judge reads ONLY my thesis, do they know my argument AND my significance claim?

2. For every claim I make, where is the evidence? Is it primary? Does it actually support my argument — not just relate to my topic?

3. What time period and conditions made my topic possible? Have I explained that for a reader/listener/viewer who knows nothing about it?

4. Whose voices are in my project? Who is missing that would strengthen the argument?

5. What changed because of my topic? What stayed the same? Why does it still matter today?