

Results of the 7th Norwegian History Competition

2007/2008

What was the topic of the last competition?

This year's topic of the history competition was the same as in the last rounds: "My family in the light of history". Our ambition is to have a topic that is as open as possible and gives the participants a chance to choose themselves the theme and problem they want to investigate.

How many participants did it attract? If the number of participants changed significantly, what might be the reason?

This year we had 221 entries and 224 participants, a decrease of more than 100 participants since last year. The reason might be the introduction of the new national curriculum this year. On the other hand, we know that many teachers use the competition as part of their teaching without sending the products to the competition. We also know that whole classes have participated but only 4 or 5 of them has been submitted to the competition. All in all, we conclude that the number of pupils working with the competition in some way is larger than the actual number of submitted entries. Still, we hope that even more teachers will use this competition as part of their teaching and that they advise their pupils to submit their work to the competition.

Which subtopics did the students choose for their contributions?

The most selected subtopics are related to the family during the WW2, education before and now, the living standard before and now, my family and migration.

Which good experiences did you make with the last competition round? Which experiences were not so good?

It is still hard to convince history teachers about the many good reasons for using the competition as part of their teaching.