

Results of the 11th Norwegian History Competition

2009/2010

Topic

The last six competitions have had the same topic – “My family in the light of history”. Our ambition is to have a topic as open as possible. This will give the participants the opportunity to choose the point of departure for their investigation.

Participants and contributions

This year we received 515 contributions from 554 participants, a small decrease compared with 2008/2009.

All in all, the Norwegian competition is well established and known to most history teachers. We are therefore not concerned by the small decrease in participants this year. It is reasonable that that the number of participants will differ from year to year, mostly because some of the teachers that normally participates with their students do not teach history every year.

But since the competition is known, our main challenge is to recruit even more teachers and students to participate, to make them realise that working with this project is an opportunity to meet many of the defined goals in the national curriculum.

We also know that many teachers use the competition as part of their teaching without submitting the products to the competition. The number of students who has worked with the project is therefore higher than the number of submitted entries show.

The participant's choice of subtopics

The most selected subtopic is still related to the family during the WW2. Many of the contributions compare two or more generations in relations to development in education and living standard. More and more participants also write about their family's migration history.