



Club Project Suggestions

- Organize a group to participate in the Kentucky Quilt Trail project. Interview quilters in your community and design a square using a pattern that reflects local or family traditions. If you are feeling especially ambitious, create a series of squares and develop a driving tour that tells the story of quilting in your community. For more information on how to get started, contact Judy Sizemore at circuit@prtcnet.org.
- Perform research to help nominate a site in your region for the National Register of Historic Places. For more information on the nomination process, contact the Kentucky Heritage Council. To learn more about the National Register, visit <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/>.
- Take photographs of historic sites in your town. Have other members of the community contribute old photographs in which those sites are featured prominently. Interview them to learn more about those places, how they were utilized at the time, and their importance to the local area. Create a gallery exhibition at a local venue that displays both your current photographs and those submitted by community members. Host a talk and discuss not only how those places have changed over time, but also how they have both shaped the community and been shaped by the community.
- Create a website for a small museum in your area to promote the site and provide information to prospective visitors.
- Develop a walking tour of your town. Have members from your club give tours on weekends or create a podcast that visitors may download for a self-guided stroll.
- Make a documentary about a historic person, place, or event in Kentucky. Encourage your local library, historical society, or cable access station to show it.

- Work with a historic place to create an introductory video for their site.
- Organize a group of volunteers to care for a local cemetery. Be sure and consult the proper educational materials on how to best clean and repair gravestones. For more information about cemetery preservation in Kentucky, contact Ann Johnson at AnnG.Johnson@ky.gov.
- Develop an oral history project that explores the experiences of individuals in your community. Organize the project around a theme, such as veterans, women in the workplace, teaching, etc., and conduct interviews that relate to that topic. For more information on how to get started as well as tips for conducting interviews, visit the Kentucky Historical Society's Web site at history.ky.gov or contact Sarah Milligan at Sarah.Milligan@ky.gov.
- Develop a fundraiser to support a local site or preservation project in your area. Some ideas include hosting a benefit concert, creating and selling history-themed merchandise, or a bake sale.
- Conduct research and produce a play about a significant event in your region's history; then perform the play.
- Introduce other students to KJHS by creating a hands-on workshop related to Kentucky history and/or heritage. Present your program during class time or invite students to participate after school.
- Learn more about your own family history by performing genealogical research and submit it to Bluegrass Roots, the Kentucky Genealogical Society's quarterly publication.