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Student Tips

INTERVIEW WITH JUDGES:

- **BE AT EASE.** Many students are afraid of talking to judges but you need not be. Judges are only human and very much like other adults you know. Your interview is simply your opportunity to tell the judges what you've learned by doing your Heritage project.
- **BE CREATIVE AND UNIQUE.** This is what the judges are looking for. Remember that 'heritage' does not just mean 'old fashioned'. You can explore new technologies, as long as they are Canadian.
- **BE INTERESTED!** If you are really interested in your project and what you are saying, most likely the judges will be interested, too.
- **BE ENTHUSIASTIC!** The more enthusiastic you are about your topic and project, the better!
- **BE PREPARED.** It is a very good idea to prepare for your interview. Ask adults and other students to question you about your project. Write down the questions they ask and be prepared to answer those questions and others like them. If you can answer questions without looking at your information, even better! Two questions that judges often ask are: **"If you could do this project differently, what changes would you make?"** and **"What would you do if you had more time to do this project?"** Think about these questions before the interview.
- **BE YOURSELF.** Usually the judges will ask you questions you can answer, but if you are asked a difficult question to which you do not know the answer, it is best to say you don't know or are not sure of the answer. If you want to dress in period costume to go with your presentation, then do it!
- **HAVE FUN!** Interviews are both interesting and fun! By talking to the judges you will probably learn new things.