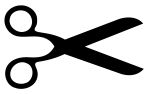
NHD PACKET: THESIS DEVELOPMENT



In order to complete this packet, cut your annotated bibliography into pieces, so each source is on its own piece of paper.

STEP 1: Define the Sides

Every issue has multiple sides. You want to make sure that you have identified something debatable or interesting about your topic from history. So what are the two sides to your critical question? If you do not know, take a guess THEN ask for help.

Sub Question 1	
SIDE 1	SIDE 2

Sub Question 2	
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Sub Question 3	
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STEP 2: Create Buckets

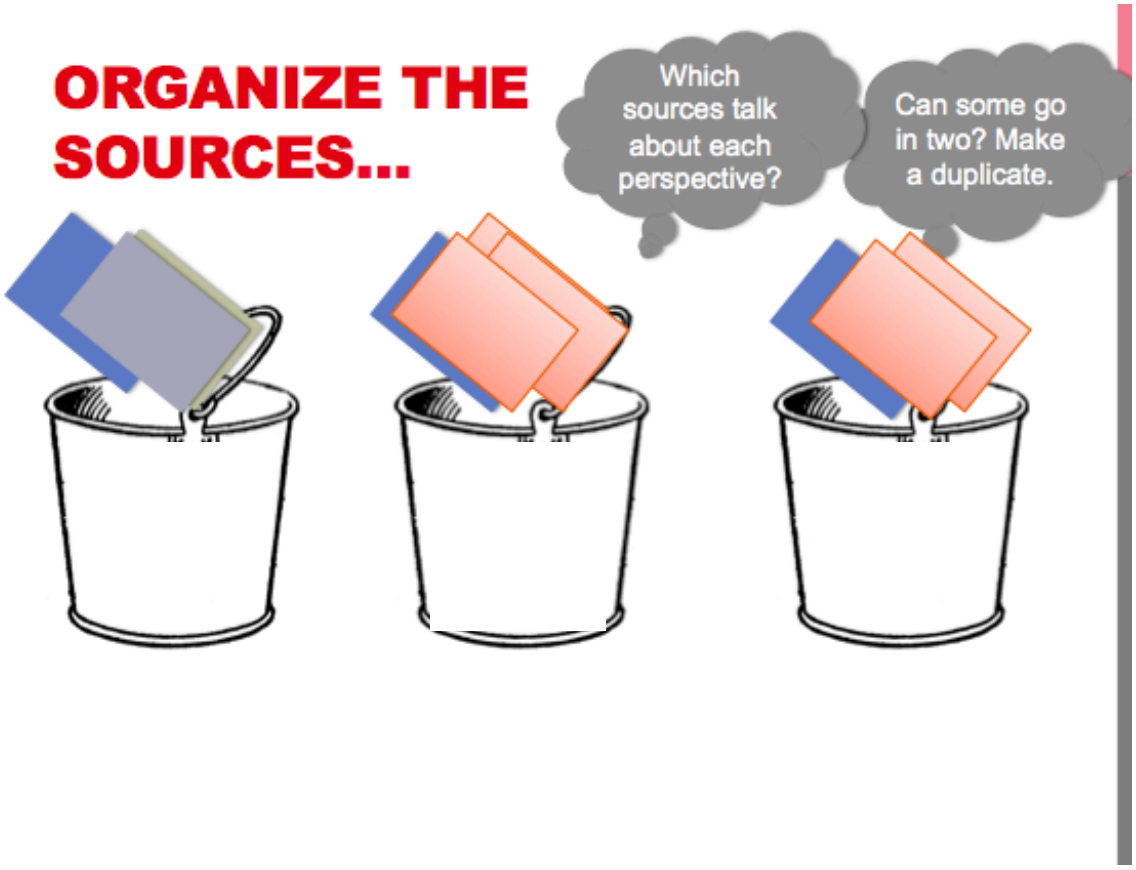
Examine the questions and the sides. We are going to use this information to organize the bulk of your information. For this step you can do one of a few things:

1. Turn each sub-question into a body paragraph.
2. Or look for sub-topics or themes that you think better answer the essential question for your paper.

Don't make anything up. What seem to be the themes or arguments that historians are making about this issue or event? Find three distinct themes or arguments and write names for those themes on the buckets.

STEP 3: Match Buckets

Take your cut up Annotated Bibliography and sort the sources into buckets that they help answer.



STEP 4: Record and Explain
For each bucket, explain which sources in this tower are most important and why AND what further information you need to more deeply examine this issue.

For example:

Bucket 1	Which sources are most important and why?	What further information do you need?
		

Bucket 2	Which sources are most important and why?	What further information do you need?
		

Bucket 3	Which sources are most important and why?	What further information do you need?
		



Cut the tables above and staple to the front of your buckets.

STEP 5: Turn your ideas into a THESIS

Option 1: Take Your Compelling Question and Flip It Into a Statement (Include Theme Vocabulary)

Option 2:

_____

_____,
(summary of Bucket #1)

_____,
(summary of Bucket #2)

and _____.
(summary of Bucket #3)

Option 2:
