The 1968 Democratic National Convention

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I chose my topic by finding one that I could relate to because of all the police brutality claims coming out today. I also knew that if the event/ person was based in Chicago so that I could facilitate more first person research. Lastly, I thought that this would be a fun topic to dive into because I knew so little about it.

I researched my topic mainly by looking things up online and searched the web. I also, however, went to the Chicago history museum and found images from the time back then. My very unique thing I did was I was interviewed by my great uncle Billy (william foley) who was a police officerThe last thing I did was find newspapers printed back in 1968 and use them as my background on my board and the articles led me to more research.

I made my project by ordering my board from the recommended site that I was supposed to use. I then ordered many different letters and stencil for my title board. I also bought construction paper and a lot of ink for my printer so that I could print out all of my quotes and images to glue on the board. I attempted various layouts and themes before gluing the final version.

My historical argument is: During the 1968 Democratic National Convention, a major debate raged between the leaders of Illinois, Mayor Richard J. Daley and Governor Samuel Shapiro, and the public at large, resulting in a lack of diplomacy that had "the whole world watching" the clash between state and local officials and protestors.

My topic is important in history because people were mainly protesting to end the war which didn't happen but they also were protesting for better representation in the choosing of presidential nominees. The end result was primaries being held in almost every state of the country.