

## **HISTORY DAY - TOPIC SELECTION**

Selecting a History Day topic means narrowing down your area of historical interest and focusing on a specific subject that you can manage.

Things to remember about selecting a general topic and when narrowing your topic:

- You should be interested in the subject.
- Make sure the topic fits the theme; consult your teacher.
- A general topic is significant and important enough that everyone knows about it.
- The scope of the topic should be deep and narrow. It is better to focus on one issue in detail than to cover many issues superficially.
- There should be a good range of primary and secondary resources about the topic. A local
  topic is often a good choice because primary documents are probably in the community
  where an event occurred or where a person lived.

## Interest

Think about the points above. They will guide you toward topics to research. Answer the following questions to help you find your area of interest, the type of project you want to do, class curriculum requirements, and the History Day theme.

My personal general interests include: (circle 5 interest subjects)

Adventure Agriculture Architecture Arts Children Cities Conflicts	Culture Dance Ecology Economy Education Environment Exile	Famous People Film Food Gender Issues Geography Governments Human Interest	Indigenous People Labor Issues Literature Music Nature Political Issues Oral History	Social Groups Social Issues Sports Travel Technology Theatre War and Peace
Constitution Controversy	Explorers Experimental Living	Human Rights Immigration	Religion Science	Women's Issue

Historical Paper	Exhibit (Display)	Documentary	Performance	Website
This is the traditional form for presenting historical research and interpretation on paper, with sources.	This is a visual representation of a topic. Artifacts like photographic images, charts/graphs, quotes, and objects can illustrate the message.	Audio-visuals like videos, photos, music, interviews, slides and voice-overs explain a topic.	This is a dramatic portrayal of a topic and its significance. It should be original and creative, and may include costumes and/or small props.	This is a technological visual representation of a topic, using various digital media on an electronic device.



1.	I am interested in doing a(n)	project during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester.
2.	I am taking the Social Studies course	
	The course time period is from to	, days a week.
3.	I am interested in these historical events or periods from (List 3 and briefly tell why you chose each one)	my current social studies class:
Conte	ent and theme	
Focus intere	on the annual History Day theme to see if there are consts.	ntent areas that fit your
4.		
5.	The theme means:	



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Next make a list of topics you are interested in which relate to the theme.
6. My four topics of interest are:
7. My preliminary topic idea is:
8. A textbook description of the topic (include the name of the textbook):
9. The topic is related to (the HD theme) because



## Issue

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10. The ke	y person, event, or movement I plan to focus on is
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My topic selec	tion is:
Interest:	
<b>Content:</b>	
Topic:	
Issue:	