



Get Territorial: Idaho at 150 Interpretive Themes Outline

Here are some themes that could be explored when planning events, exhibits, or programs during the “Get Territorial: Idaho at 150” commemoration.

People

- Indians
- Immigrants
- Ethnic groups
- The famous and infamous
- Homesteaders
- Women
- Miners
- Settlers
- Town residents
- Fraternal Organizations
- People who came and left; Idaho not for them

Politics, Government, and Institutions

- Lincoln and significant era elected officials
- Territorial capitol location controversy
- Role of federal government in Idaho
 - Subcategory could be military
- Political parties
- Women suffrage/rights
- Education
- Territorial boundaries
- Treaties
- Civil Rights
 - Mormon test oath
 - Chinese
 - Indians
 - Women
- Constitutional convention/statehood

Art, Culture and Recreation

- Religion
- Artists
 - Musicians
 - Writers/poets
 - Fine artists
 - Performance artists
- Journalism
- Architecture
 - Public buildings
 - Vernacular architecture
- Theater and Dance
- Community fun and games
 - Races
 - Cards
 - Traditional games
 - Games of skill
- Foods

Entrepreneurship/Business

- Innovation
 - Agriculture
 - Mining
 - Lumbering
 - Patents
- Newspapers
- Businesses that failed
- Cattle
- Sheep
- Transportation and infrastructure
 - Railroads
 - Roads
 - Ferries
 - Bridges

Places

- Development of towns
- Adapting to the Idaho environment
- Towns that came and went
- Diversity of terrain in Idaho
- Special emphasis on cities that were here before March 1863, and remain
 - Pierce
 - Franklin
 - Lewiston
 - Idaho City

- Boise
- Others
- Idaho places in 1863
 - Fort Boise
 - Fort Lapwai
- Geographic names
- Parks

Crime and Punishment

- Outlaws
- Law enforcement
- Legal system
 - Courts
 - Judges
 - Lawyers
- Jails and prisons
- Vigilantes
- Federal law enforcement
 - Marshalls
 - Military
- Obsolete crimes
- Laws still on the books, but not enforced (“Are you breaking the law?”)