# National History Day
## Advanced Research: Primary Sources and Historical POV

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<td>Analyzing primary sources will help you to draw your own conclusions about the significance of your topic and its connection to the theme.</td>
<td>Historians interpret the past by looking at events and turning points through historic lenses. They use these lenses to better understand the way turning points affected people in different ways.</td>
<td>A thorough understanding of historical contest, turning point, historical debates, primary sources, and historic lenses will enable you to show your topic's significance in history. You will argue this significance with a thesis statement.</td>
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### Research Description

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| ▪ Letters, Diaries, Telegraph Messages  
▪ Government Documents and Legal Cases  
▪ Photos, Moving Footage, Newsreels, Speeches | ▪ Who is the author?  
▪ What is their point of view?  
▪ How is this person involved?  
▪ Does the information conflict with or agree with the secondary sources?  
▪ What other information do you need to answer your questions? |
| ▪ Documents that illustrate cultural impact, economic impact, religious impact, political impact, social impact | ▪ How did your topic influence society as a whole?  
▪ Were any members of society impacted more or less than others?  
▪ What was gained or lost because of your topic? | ▪ What are the immediate and long-term impacts of your topic?  
▪ How does this significance continue to matter today?  
▪ What argument can you make that connects the historical significance to the theme?  
▪ What is the “so what” that you want your audience to know about your conclusions?  
▪ Why does this matter? |

| Legal cases that use your topic as a reference.  
▪ New laws that can be traced back to your topic  
▪ A continuing debate that is based on your topic  
▪ Foreign or domestic policy that changed because of your topic |

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