

1. This year's History Day theme is "Conflict & Compromise"

2. My broad topic choice is _____

I am interested in this topic because _____

This topic relates to the theme because _____

3. I have narrowed my broad topic by focusing more specifically on _____

4. I am confident that I will be able to find the sources I need because _____

5. Through my research I'm trying to answer questions in three areas:

Person/Idea/Event/Issue-What are the five W's of my topic? (Who? What? When? Where? Why?) Can I clearly explain the relationship of my topic to the theme?

Background/Context- What was happening in history just before and at the time of the person/idea/event/issue I'm researching? What events led up to my topic? What factors contributed to the development of my topic?

Impact/Influence/Change – So what? How did my topic alter history? What changes did my topic bring about? How did my topic affect individuals, communities, nations, or the world? Can I explain the significance of my topic over time?

Of the three areas, the one about which I have the most information at this time is _____

because _____

Of the three areas, the one about which I am the most uncertain is _____

because _____

6. What I like best about my topic choice is _____

7. My biggest concern about my topic choice is _____