Breaking Barriers in History

NHD in Idaho 2020

Idaho Topics: Here is a brief list of ideas for Idaho topics. Keep in mind that people from Idaho have been a part of every major historical event in our nation’s history since Lewis & Clark! If you are interested in World War II history, research a way Idaho or an Idahoan was connected to that war. If you are interested in civil rights, research how minority groups in Idaho have fought for their rights.

Environmental

1. Teton Dam Disaster
2. Damming Idaho rivers
3. Snake River
4. Hell’s Canyon
5. Shoshone Falls
6. Frank Church and The Wilderness Act
7. River of No Return
8. Reintroduction of Wolves
9. White Clouds
10. The Big Burn
11. The Sunshine Mine Disaster
12. Silver Valley Super Fund
13. Effects of mining on Idaho’s landscape/environment
14. The World Center for Birds of Prey, Morley Nelson
15. Bruneau Sand Dunes
16. Soda Springs
17. Nuclear Energy/Disaster
18. Collaboration between tribes and Federal government/state government on environmental issues
19. EPA
20. Mountain Men, Lewis & Clark

Labor

1. The Mining Wars
2. Chinese Labor, Chinese Exclusion Acts
3. Basque Labor/Immigration
4. Labor unions and trade organizations

Science/Technology

1. Philo T. Farnsworth
2. The Idaho National Laboratories, nuclear power
3. Geothermal Heating of Idaho Capitol
4. The Continental Divide
5. Malcom Renfrew
6. Forrest Bird
7. Sun Valley
8. Railroad Transportation
9. PRESTO Logs
10. Barbara Morgan
11. Irrigation/Farmland
12. Art Troutner

Law/Government/Politics

1. Women’s Suffrage,
2. Dawe’s Act
3. Wassmuth Memorial, The Aryan Nation
4. Civil Liberties in Idaho (Gov. Steunenberg suspending habeas corpus for miners)
5. Prohibition in Idaho counties (dry v. wet)
6. Frank Church
7. Cecil Andrus
8. Idaho Seal: Emma Edwards Green
9. Voting rights for minorities
10. Deep Throat - Mark Felt
11. Castle Rock
12. Ruby Ridge
13. Chief Joseph
14. Amy Trice and the Peaceful War
15. The Civil War and Idaho’s creation
16. The Green Book, Idaho connection
17. Reed v. Reed
18. Theron Case McGriff
19. Sergio A. Gutierrez
20. Jesse Berain
21. Cherie Buckner-Webb

Famous Idahoans

1. Idaho Purce
2. Polly Beemis
3. Kitty Watkins
4. Vernon Baker, Medal of Honor Recipient
5. Ernest Hemingway
6. Gutzon Borglum, Faces of Mount Rushmore
7. Evel Knievel
8. Gene Harris
9. JR Simplot
10. Joe Albertson
11. Lionel Hampton
12. Rosalie Sorrels
13. Greg Olson
14. Nell Shipman
15. James Castle, Castle House
16. Geronimo
17. Sacagawea
18. Jackson Sundown
19. Philo T. Farnsworth
20. Moses Alexander
21. Mailing May
22. Nell Shipman
23. Emma Yearian

Olympians

1. Picabo Street
2. Gretchen Fraser
3. Bill Johnson
4. Andrea Lloyd-Curry
5. Dan O’Brien
6. Stacy Dragila

Idaho at War

1. Trenches in WWI
2. Farragut Naval Training Station
3. Japanese Internment Camps
4. Mountain Home Air Force Base
5. Gowen Field - Jimmy Stewart
6. Navajo code talkers