



Starting A History Day Project

To get started on your History Day Project, use this worksheet to help you organize the information you will need to begin. Starting your project is a process that requires many decisions about what you will study and how you will show your work to others, so some of your answers may change as you begin researching.

This year's theme is: _____

TOPIC:

- ✓ Choose a **general area of interest** in history:

General Area of Interest:

- ✓ Consider what is the part of history that interests you the most in that general area. You probably need to do a little research to help you decide. Those parts of your general area that are most interesting to you are your **broad topic ideas**. Use the theme to narrow down your broad topic ideas to one or two that best fit this year's theme:

Broad Topic Ideas:

- ✓ What **issues or questions** would you like to explore during your research? Do any of your broad topic ideas inspire interesting research questions that relate to the theme?

Types of Good Sources:

- ✓ Think about the **types of good sources** that may exist on your broad topic ideas and consider whether you will have enough sources available for your research.

Specific Topic:

- ✓ Narrow down your broad topic idea to a **specific topic**. Do more research to pick the idea that has the best potential for a great History Day project.

My topic is: _____



TYPE:

- ✓ Choose the type of History Day project you will use to display your work. The type of project you chose should allow you to make good use of your sources, while also taking into account your skills and interests.

Project Type: Exhibit Documentary Performance Website Paper

TEAM:

- ✓ You may either work alone or in a group of up to five students. There are no groups in the paper category.

Group or Individual: I would like to work in a group with the following students:

I would prefer to work alone.

TITLE AND THESIS:

- ✓ Each History Day project must have a **title**. Your title should refer to your project topic and may also include a reference to the theme. Your title will probably change as you develop your project.

Working Title:

- ✓ Your **thesis** is the main argument of your project. Your thesis should include your topic, its relation to the theme, and why your topic is significant in history.

Working Thesis: