Thesis Statement Development Tool, 2019 "Triumph and Tragedy in History"

TOPIC + THEME + IMPACT = THESIS!

Topic:

What were the background circumstances around your topic? (Who, What, Where, When)

Connection to Theme: What meaningful connections have you found between your topic and this year's theme?

What was the "tragedy," and what was the "triumph"?

Short-term impact—Why was it important at the time? What changed as a result?

Long-term significance—Why does it still matter today? (How did this person/event change history?)

TOPIC + <u>THEME (Triumph/Tragedy)</u> + IMPACT (*Short term*, **Long term**) = THESIS!

Directions: Fill in the blanks on the "thesis template" to guide you in writing this very important statement. It doesn't have to use all of the words from this template exactly (you can make it your own), but if you include each of these parts, you will be on your way to having a very strong thesis statement.

My (Work-in-Progress) Thesis Statement

Thesis Statement Example:

In February 1942, several months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order to relocate thousands of Japanese American citizens to internment camps in the interest of national security. A young man named Fred Korematsu defied the order, but, <u>tragically, was caught, convicted, and detained</u> in a Utah internment camp. His appeal to the Supreme Court was unsuccessful. In the 1980s, however, Korematsu triumphed when his case was reopened and his conviction overturned. *In the short term, Korematsu's actions led to redress and reparations for other Japanese Americans.* In the long term, he became an advocate for civil rights and has inspired many people to fight injustices and protect civil liberties for all.