

A. Topic Selection

1. Historical sub-fields – History is a huge and broad umbrella that includes lots of sub-branches of history. Look at the list below and choose five to cross out (that you have NO interest in) and five to circle (that you have a high interest in).

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| political history | social history | military history | economic history |
| religious history | cultural history | diplomatic history | environmental history |
| women's history | public history | history of government | demographic history |
| rural history | family history | ethnic history | labor history |
| urban history | history of education | history of the common man | intellectual history |

2. Time Periods / Geographic Regions – the second thing that you have to do is to narrow down some geographic locations. Based on that, choose one or two that you'd like to pursue.

| North America | Central America | Caribbean | South America |
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| Pre-Columbian | Pre-Columbian | Pre-Columbian | Pre-Columbian |
| Exploration and Settlement | Exploration and Settlement | Exploration and Settlement | Exploration and Settlement |
| Founding / pre-civil war | Independence movements | Independence movements | Independence movements |
| Post-Civil War | Twentieth century | Twentieth century | Twentieth century |
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| Europe | Africa | Asia | Pacific Rim |
| Romans, Dark/Middle Ages | Pre-imperialism | Pre-imperialism | Pre-imperialism |
| Early Modern | Imperialism | Imperialism | Imperialism |
| Imperialism | Post-imperialism | Post-imperialism | Post-imperialism |
| Twentieth century | Modern Africa | Modern Asia | Modern Oceania |

3. Are you thinking of working in a group? Glance at the paper of the members of your group – do you agree more than you disagree?

B. Web Searching – Choose three of the links below to explore.

Our Documents - <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/index.php?flash=true&>

Look at the 100 most important documents in US history.

Choose three that you think are interesting and note WHY you are interested in these documents

| Document.... | This is interesting because.... |
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Library of Congress - <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/>

→ Click on the link above and choose two sets of primary sources

| Primary Source Set.... | This caught my attention because... |
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National Historic Landmarks - <http://www.nps.gov/nhl/>

Sometimes a place can inspire an idea....the National Parks Service protects historic places across the United States

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| Ideas..... |
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Library of Congress Timeline –

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/index.html>

→ If you like to look at history chronologically.....try this

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| Ideas.... |
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C. If you have extra time, consider some of these....

| <i>If you're interested in....</i> | <i>Try....</i> |
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| Exploration in North and South America.... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.americanjourneys.org/ |
| Colonial History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.history.org/history/teaching/index.cfm • http://www.dohistory.org/home.html |
| Social History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.ashp.cuny.edu/ |
| Politics and government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.annenbergclassroom.org/ |
| Women's History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.womeninworldhistory.com/thematic-units.html |
| A general overview of US History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://historymatters.gmu.edu/ • http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/ • http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/index.cfm • https://www.gilderlehrman.org/ |
| World History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.bne.es/es/Colecciones/ • http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page |
| Puerto Rican/Latino History | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://centropr.hunter.cuny.edu/ • http://www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/ |

NHD Helpful Web Resources:

→ NHD Website: Find student project examples from past years, the annual theme sheet, tips for creating different types of entries, the contest rule book and more!

<http://www.nhd.org>

<https://nhd.org/student-resources> (This page has a LONG list of terrific website for researching.)

→ Need research tips from a master NHD teacher?

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/usfIFqsHoVk>

→ Need help writing a thesis statement from a master NHD teacher?

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/5728zt9ZYnQ>