

Project Title

Background

Put your topic into historical context.

- What does my audience need to know to understand my exhibit?
- Include information on your big topic (example: Civil War, Civil Rights Movement, Women's suffrage, etc.)

Topic-Specific Information

- Give info on your narrowed topic.
- Include information needed to understand your thesis.
- What led up to the main event(s)?

Historical Thesis

Statement

- 1-3 sentences
- Your argument
- Relate to the theme

The "Heart of the Story" Defend Historical Thesis

- Cover the 5 Ws: who, what, when, where, why.
- First reason that supports your argument.
- Second reason that supports your argument.
- Third reason that supports your argument.
- Further relate to the theme.

Impact

- What happened after?
- What did it change or do short-term?
- Did anything change right away? Were there new laws, or new ways of thinking?

"So what?"/Conclusion

- Why is this important?
- How is your argument different from what others have argued?
- Does this have an impact today?
- Tie to the theme!

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Historical Thesis Statement

Short-Term Impact

The “Heart of the Story” or
“Main Events” describe the key
details of your topic.

Build-Up

Long-Term Impact