

This year’s theme is about change in history. What was it? Why did it happen? What impact did it have?

- **Innovation** is a specific type of change. It likely had a big impact on history. It was likely something that happened on purpose. You must use the word innovation in your project.
- **Impact, Influence, and Change** help show how your topic is significant in history. You will probably use all three ideas in your project, but you may not use all three words exactly. You should use at least one.

**For Example: Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott**

In 1955, a law in Montgomery, Alabama said that Black citizens had to sit at the back of city buses. Black citizens also had to give up their seats to white riders if the front of the bus was full. The 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution says that all citizens have equal rights. Some people believed that separating people on buses was unfair.

Many Black citizens in Montgomery disagreed with these unfair laws. Rosa Parks was one of them. She drew attention to the situation by being arrested for not giving up her bus seat to a white passenger. After her arrest, a group in Montgomery called the Women’s Political Council asked people to stop riding buses until the city changed the law. This **innovative** act of mass non-violence became known as the Montgomery Bus Boycott. People walked or rode in carpools instead of taking the bus for more than a year. The boycott ended after the United States Supreme Court agreed that segregation was unfair.

The Montgomery Bus Boycott was the first large protest in the civil rights movement. This movement fought to **change** the rights of Black citizens. Reporters visiting Montgomery shared the story across the country. More people learned about how nonviolent protest can **change** unfair situations. The boycott **influenced** how people fought for civil rights in America.