No matter the shape or size of your Exhibit, you should think about dividing up the space in the Exhibit into sections. Sections will help to:

- Organize your information. It will be easier for your viewer to follow along.
- Help you talk about what happened before, during, and after the main events of your topic.

This is an example of how you might divide up the space on a tri-fold exhibit board.
Use the blank Exhibit Map to plan out what you want to include in your project.

- **Step 1**: Start with the **Heart of the Story** and describe what happened.
- **Step 2**: Next, think about what happened **right before the event**. What sparked the main events of your topic?
- **Step 3**: Set your topic into larger historical context. What **background** information does your reader need to know?
- **Step 4**: Think about what happened **right after the main event**, or the short-term impact. What were the reactions to it?
- **Step 5**: Lastly, think about the legacy, or long-term impact of your topic.

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