Illustration and Media Brainstorm

You will need illustrations or media to create projects in almost all of the History Day categories. **Be creative and brainstorm more than just photographs**. Circle the types of media and illustrations you think you could find about your topic. Write notes about the sources you might find.



Photographs

The most obvious source for illustrations is photographs. Look for high-resolution images, which will show up better in projects. Remember: Photography wasn't invented until the 1820s.

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Artwork

Did artists represent your topic through painting, drawing, or sculpture?

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Political Cartoons

Most political cartoons were created at the same time as an event.

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Film Footage

Moving pictures weren't invented until the late 1890s. For topics after this, try looking for primary source footage.

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Interviews

You could conduct your own interview with a participant or expert, or look for one that has already been recorded.

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Charts and Graphs

Graphs and charts are great ways to show information in an easy to understand format.

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Ephemera

These are things that were meant to be used only for a short time, like movie tickets, posters, or postcards.

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Maps

Try historic or current maps to help your viewer understand where your topic happened.

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Newspapers

Headlines from newspapers can be eye-catching illustrations.

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Music or Sound Recording

Look for recorded music, sound, sheet music, or compositions from the time period. Remember, sound wasn't recorded until the 1860s.

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Artifacts

Artifacts could include a variety of objects, like clothing, buildings, or other items from museum collections.

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Documents

Documents, like letters or vital records, can be interesting visuals in a project.

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Propaganda or Ads

These illustrations, often posters or advertisements, were created to persuade people.

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