WORKSHEET: National History Day in Minnesota 2021

Exhibit Organization

Title

BACKGROUND
Place your topic in Historical Context
What information do we need to know that is going to help understand your topic?
What outside circumstances are going to influence your topic that we need to know about?

BUILD—UP
Who are the main players and what are they doing to prepare for the main events of your topic?
Give more specific information related to your topic than “background” section.
What are the events leading up to the main event?
What is life like before the main events of your topic?

THESIS

MAIN EVENT
Major details about the main events in your topic

THE HEART OF THE STORY

SHORT TERM IMPACT
What are some of the immediate reactions to the main event shortly after it happened?
What changed? New laws? New way of thinking?
Who was affected by the event?
How is the world different after the main events of your topic? Examples?

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE
Why is this topic important in history?
What is the long term significance?
What were the intended/unintended consequences?
So what?
What do you want the reader to take away from your project?