



# Topic and Theme Exploration



**Explore two possible History Day topics that are interesting to you!**  
Following the example and the questions below, complete the table for two topics you are interested in researching this year.

Topic	Example: Earth Day	Topic 1	Topic 2
<b>What Happened?</b> Summarize in 1-2 sentences	Earth Day organizers held teach-ins and demonstrations around the U.S. to raise awareness of the environment. Over 20 million people participated.		
<b>How does the topic connect to the theme?</b> “Debate and Diplomacy in History”	<b>Debate:</b> During the 1960s, there was a growing debate on the impact of human actions on the environment and Earth Day raised awareness of this.  <b>Diplomacy:</b> As Earth Day made more people aware of these issues, people debated and advocated for change with the government and in society, resulting in things like the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.		
<b>So what?</b> Describe the impact the topic had on history.	The first Earth Day raised awareness and pressured the U.S. government to create the Environmental Protection Agency, a government group dedicated to address environmental issues.		