Your Website will be a set of interconnected pages that support your thesis. You should carefully select the content that goes on each of these pages. Plan your pages out before you begin using NHDWebCentral.

The following pages are the basics of a topic. You may end up adding more pages, but start with the basics first.

**Directions:** Use your thesis to decide which major ideas you want to include on each page. *Your viewer will read the pages in chronological order, but it’s easier to plan out your pages in the following steps.*

- **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:** In this step, think about what happened right after the main event - 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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**Before the Main Event**

**Background**
- What background information does you reader need to know about your topic?
- What events, ideas, or people happened before your topic to influence it?
- What was going on in the world?

**Build-Up**
- Who are the main players?
- What are they doing to get ready for the main events of your topic?
- What events or ideas led up to the main event?

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**During the Main Event**

**Heart of the Story or During the Event**
- What happened?
- How did it happen?
- When did it happen?
- Why did it happen?
- Who was involved or affected?
- Where did it happen?

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**After the Main Event**

**Short-Term Impact**
- What are some things that happened or changed right away?
- Think about positive and negative changes.
- How did this event impact different groups of people?
- What were the reactions to the event? Think about different points of view.

**Long-Term Impact**
- So what?
- Why is your topic important in history?
- How has your topic changed history?
- Why is the event still important today?

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**Written Work**
- Process Paper
- Annotated Bibliography

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