

Communication in History: The Key to Understanding Theme Connections

“Communication in History” topics tend to fall into two buckets. You will need a different strategy to connect each of these topics to the annual theme.

Can a topic fit both?

Yes! Some topics may cross the line between the technology of communication and sharing a specific message. When your topic could fit into both categories, try using **Graphic Organizer 2**.



Theme Graphic Organizer 1

New or different technology or ways to communicate



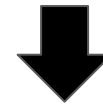
Will help you to build your theme connection by:

- Identifying the situation, problem, or opportunity
- Discussing the new or different technology
- Showing how it impacted communication and understanding



Theme Graphic Organizer 2

People using words, sounds, signs, or behaviors to communicate specific messages



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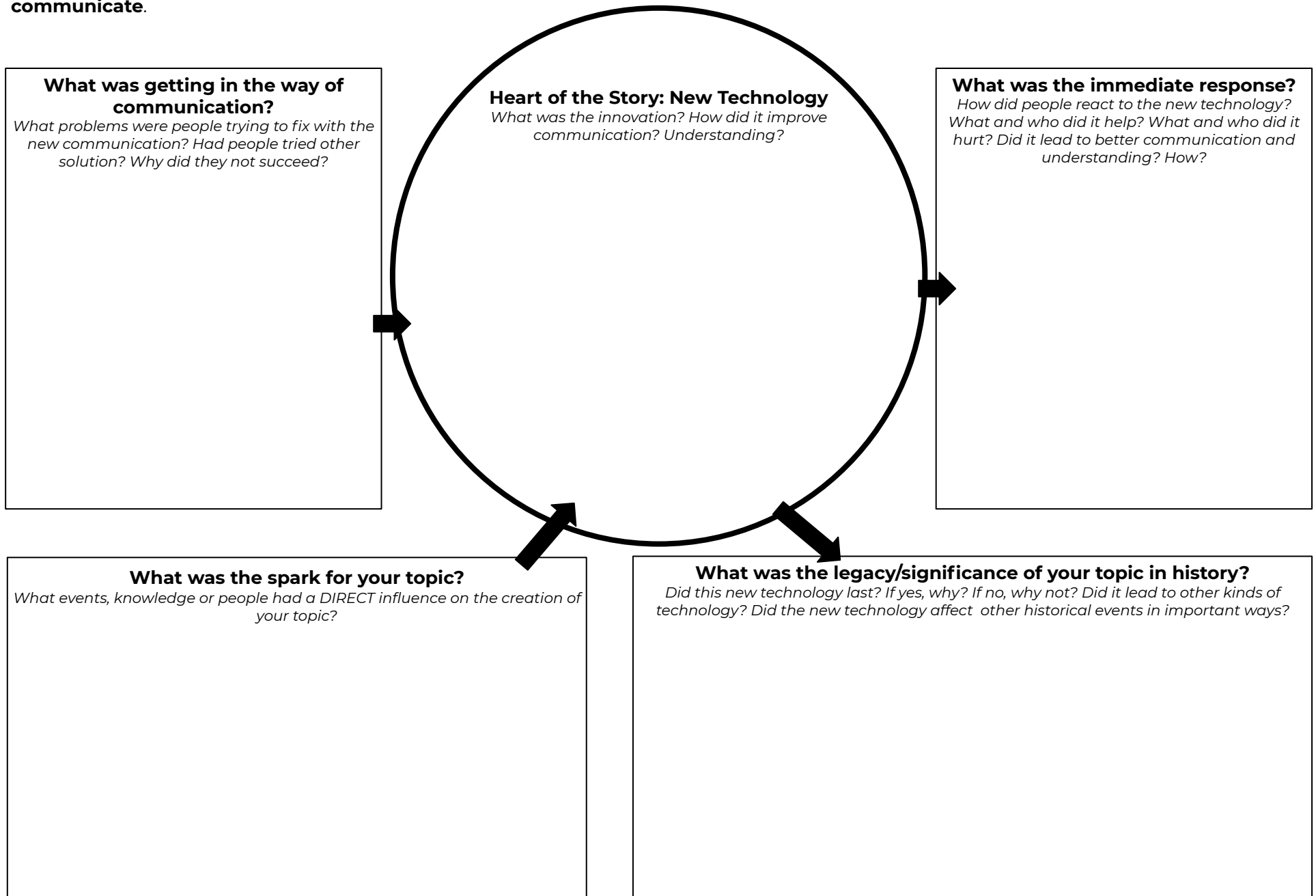
- Discussing the situation, problem, or opportunity
- Identifying the message, who wanted to share it and why.
- Showing how the communication changed history and understanding

Worksheet: Theme Graphic Organizer 1

Name:

Class:

This organizer will help you think about your theme connection when your topic involves **new or different technology or ways to communicate**.

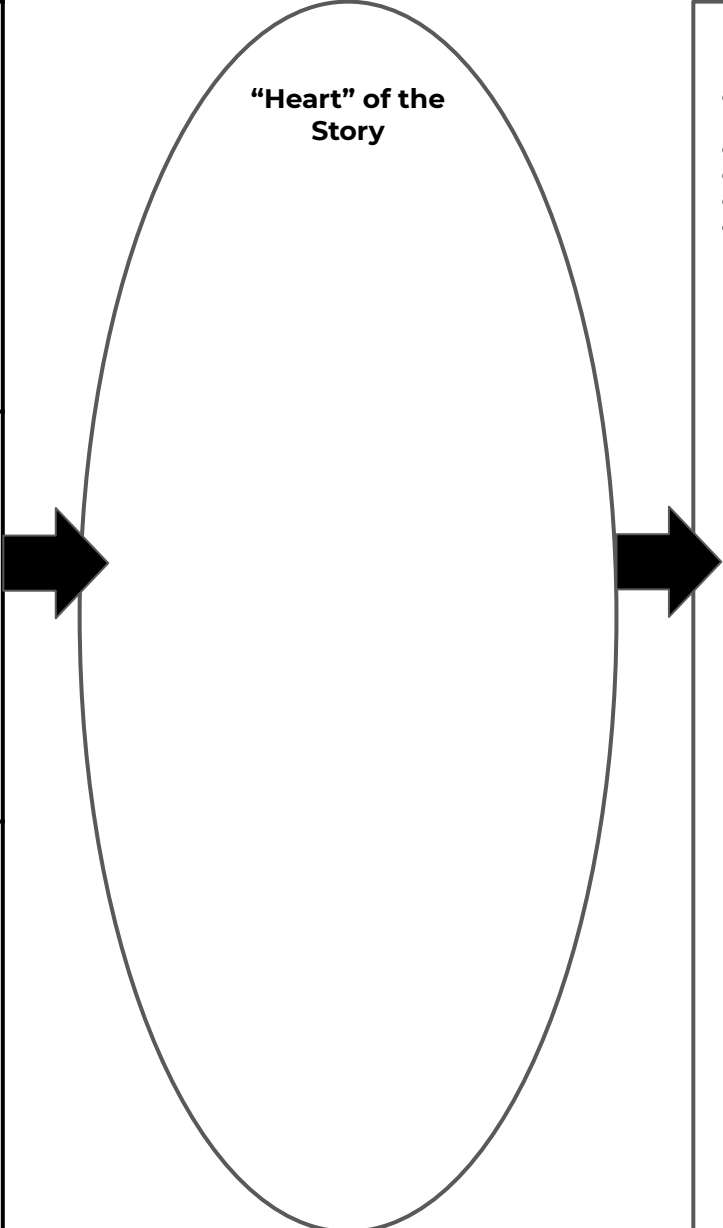


Worksheet: Theme Graphic Organizer 2

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This organizer will help you think about your theme connection when your topic involves **people using words, sounds, signs, or behaviors to communicate specific messages.**

<p>What was the message?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What were they trying to communicate?</i>• <i>Was it public or private?</i>• <i>Whose beliefs or values were represented by it?</i>	 <p>"Heart" of the Story</p>	<p>What was the impact of the communication?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Who was the intended audience for the message? How did they respond?</i>• <i>How did others respond to the message?</i>• <i>What changed right away?</i>• <i>What changed long term?</i>• <i>Did the change affect all groups of individuals the same way?</i>
<p>How was it communicated?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Speech? Art? Protest? Secret code? Law? Or....?</i>• <i>Why did the author choose this format?</i>• <i>Was it effective or ineffective?</i>		
<p>Why was it communicated?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What were people trying to change or do?</i>• <i>What other points of view were not represented?</i>		