The Annual Theme

Take notes as you review the theme presentation.
Brainstorm ideas for your topic!

1. This year’s National History Day theme is:

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2. There are different ways to think about the word frontier. The first definition is a geographical boundary. These topics focus on:

____________________________________    and    ______________________________________

3. Frontier is also used to describe the limit of something, especially the limit of what is known about a particular subject, possible in terms of achievement, or what is accepted as status quo in society. These topics focus on:

____________________________________    and    ______________________________________

4. A frontier is usually a thing, it cannot change history on its own. What three words should you consider as you are making a theme connection?

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5. “In history.” While not a rule, History Day recommends that you pick a topic that is at least 20 years old. Why?

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6. As historians, it is important for us to consider different points of view in our research and project.

Looking through one lense, at just one point of view is only:

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Multiple perspectives add to the story, especially those with different:

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Look through both lenses and the picture _____________________________ because you have more ___________________________.

7. Historians analyze and draw conclusions about what happened and how it changed history. The theme this year is missing the impact words. Below, list at least four examples of impact words you could use.

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8. What two parts of your project will show your analysis?

_______________________ and ________________________

9. What is one way to make sure you are addressing multiple perspectives in your project?

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10. **List 5 topics that are interesting to you.** These can be sample topics from the presentation or your own ideas.

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11. **Narrow your topic.** A narrow, focused topic will make it easier to research and present your ideas. **Complete parts a and b with the topic that you are more interested in.**

    a. Briefly explain how your topic connects to the theme. __________________________
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    b. Then, **fill-in the blank funnel with the topic that you’re most interested in.**