

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
What Happened? 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.		
How does the topic connect to the theme? "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas"	Frontier: Organizers worked to create a new frontier in healthy and sustainable ways to help protect the environment. People, Places, Ideas: People led the organizing and creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. Ideas for creating new ways to protect the environment and make earth more sustainable.		
So what? 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 addressing environmental issues.		National History Day in Minneseta 2027