



The Annual Theme

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Brainstorm ideas for your topic!*

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

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?

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

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

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

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

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?

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

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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. _____

b. Then, **fill-in the blank funnel with the topic that you're most interested in.**

