The Annual Theme: Part 2
Take notes as you review the theme presentation. Brainstorm ideas for your topic!

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

2. The last half of the theme is “successes, failures, consequences.” Explain in your own words what that means.

3. Do you need to include both “debate” and “diplomacy” in your topic?

4. List five topics are interesting to you. These can be sample topics from the presentation or your own ideas.

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5. Narrow your topic. You have a limited amount of time or space in your History Day project. A narrow, focused topic will make it easier to research and present your ideas. Using the funnel from the presentation as an example, fill-in the blank funnel with the topic that you’re most interested in.

   | Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences | THEME |
   | Women's Voting Rights | AREA OF INTEREST |
   | 19th Amendment | TOPIC |
   | ? | SPECIFIC THESIS |

   You won’t know this when starting your project! Just keep in mind, that you will likely focus your topic one more step with your thesis.