

## History Day “Initial” Research

Name(s):

Directions: After you have done some preliminary research on your topic, complete the following questions. Please answer in a different color (preferably a dark color). One sheet per group. This assignment is due on: **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4.**

1. What is this year’s theme?
2. What is your topic?
3. List at least 5 sources you have found in your initial research  
(at least 1 must be a print source and 1 must be a primary source)
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
4. Write one paragraph explaining why your topic fits this year’s theme.
5. Identify the background information about your topic.
  - Who was involved?
  - What happened?
  - When did it happen?
  - Where did it take place?
  - How did it happen?
6. Write one paragraph explaining the events, ideas, etc. that led up to your topic. In other words, what is the historical context?
7. How has history changed because of your topic? In other words, what is the impact or “so what”?