

Research Questions

As you research, try and find the answers to these three questions. The answers you find will compose your history day project!

- 1) What is the history of your topic (i.e. the background or causes)
- 2) How does your topic fit with the theme "Triumph and Tragedy in History" in U.S. History?" What happened overall?
- 3) What is the impact or effect of your topic on U.S. History?

Research Tips

1. Do not depend on the internet. Remember that books are valuable sources that will often save you time in researching! Use the book cart and check out your own books.
2. Evaluate the source. A web page on your topic may seem like a good find until you notice it is written by a 3rd grader.
3. Do not plagiarize. As you take notes, use your own words! It is very apparent to teachers and judges when you use the author's words instead of your own.
4. Organize your research as follows:
 - Use your history notebook for all notes.
 - Write the question you are answering at the top of the page (see above "research questions"). Use 2-4 sheets for each question.
 - Next to your notes, write the source it is from.
 - Create a final page for quotes and pictures. Don't forget to write who said it, and when or what the image is that you have collected!
5. Write down all your sources as you use them. Use 1/2 page History Day source sheets. Fill each entry out as completely as possible.
6. Remember the requirements: minimum of 5 sources per person, at least 2 of these primary sources!
7. Use recommended internet links. See our school web site, www.wayzata.k12.mn.us/wms. Click on "academics," then follow the links to your team, teacher, and History Day.