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National History Day Summer Topic Selection Worksheet

2023 Theme: "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas"

Each year, the National History Day office chooses a theme to help students direct their research. Students must make a connection between the theme and their topic. The themes that are chosen are broad, allowing students to research topics on all levels from local history to ancient history.

In order to draw a connection to the theme, students must understand the historical significance of their topic and answer questions about time, place, and context. Understanding the impact and significance of the topic will help define why the topic is important and draw this connection to the theme.

Instructions: Each student is required to choose **3** potential topics that relate to this year's theme "**Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas**". Please complete the worksheet below for each topic that you have selected. Please see the attached Topic List sheet for ideas. **The packet is due on the first day of school August 22, 2022.**

My general area of interest: **Examples would be but are not limited to, war (Civil War & reconstruction, WWII, Cold War, etc.) Civil Rights, Women in History, Politic, Health, Art, Music, Sports, etc.**

Preliminary topic idea (1): Be specific.

Issues/questions to be explored in my/our research (how to compare, contrast, or interpret using your own ideas):

Working title (and subtitle if appropriate):

To help give your research a historical perspective:

Identify: Please bullet point each area in the space provided.

- **Affected individuals**
- **Affected communities**
- **How it affected our nation**
- **How it affected the world as a whole**

Answer the question: Where are we today because of your topic?

List **3** possible primary sources and how they would be used for your project. Be specific with your resources. **(Example: Writing “Newspapers” is not specific enough. You must use the complete bibliographic information for the article and how the contents would be used for your topic.)**

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