



Topic and Theme Exploration



Explore two possible History Day topics that are interesting to you!
 Following the example and the questions below, complete the table for two topics you are interested in researching this year.

Topic	Example: Earth Day	Topic 1	Topic 2
<p>What Happened? Summarize in 1-2 sentences</p>	<p>Earth Day organizers held teach-ins and demonstrations around the U.S. to raise awareness of the environment. Over 20 million people participated.</p>		
<p>How does the topic connect to the theme? “Turning Points in History”</p>	<p>Turning Point: The first Earth Day dramatically increased awareness of environmental issues.</p> <p>Change: The first Earth Day helped inspire many to become environmental activists and put pressure on the government to better protect the environment.</p>		
<p>So what? Describe the impact the topic had on history.</p>	<p>The first Earth Day raised awareness and pressured the U.S. government to create the Environmental Protection Agency, a government group dedicated to addressing environmental issues.</p>		