



The Annual Theme

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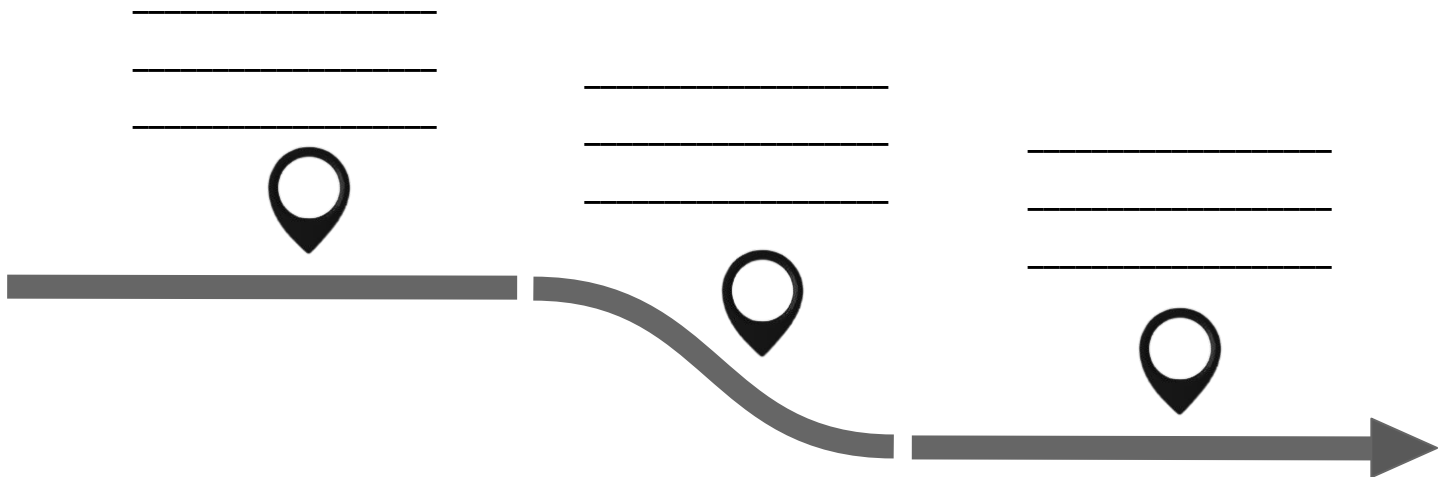
1. This year's **National History Day theme** is: _____

2. A **Turning Point** is about:
_____ and _____

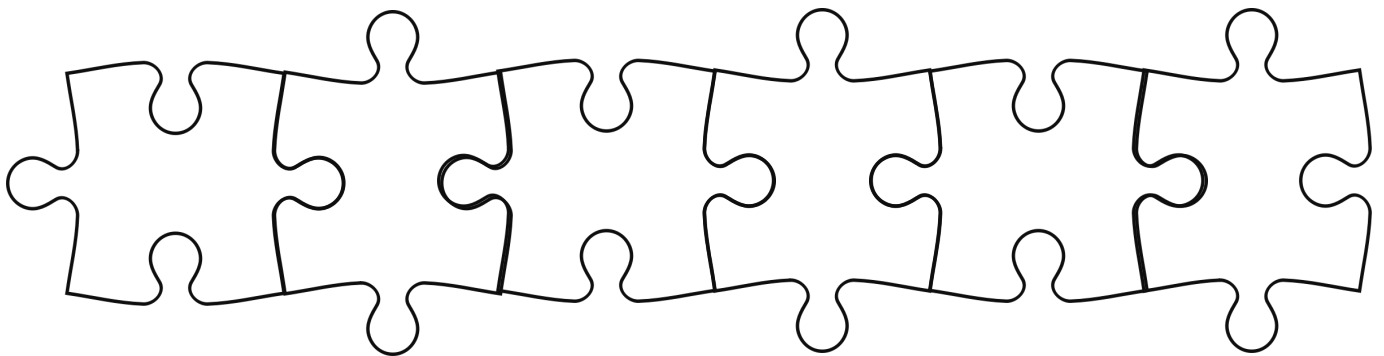
3. A turning point is a **moment** of: _____

4. **Types** of Turning Points include:
_____, _____, _____, or _____

5. What are the 3 parts that make/prove a turning point is significant?



6. What other events, ideas, or movements going on at the time can you look at to learn more about the **historical context** or what was going on at the time?





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7. What are the two terms for before and after that appear on the judging rubric?

8. What **6 characteristics** make a good topic?

9. **List 5 topics that are interesting to you.** These can be sample topics from the presentation or your own ideas.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

10. **Narrow your topic.** A narrow, focused topic will make it easier to research and present your ideas. **Complete parts a and b with the topic that you are more interested in.**

a. Briefly explain how your topic connects to the theme. _____

b. Then, **fill-in the blank funnel with the topic that you're most interested in.**

