

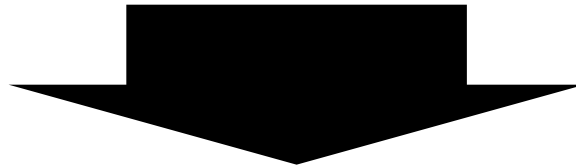
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# National History Day In Wisconsin 2019





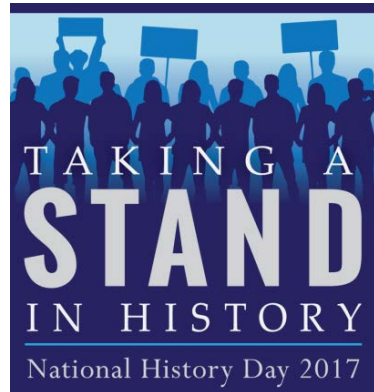
# What is NHD?



# Theme

## Past Themes:

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2018



NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2015



## 2019 Theme:



- TRY to use both parts
- Don't forget "in History"



# Define Triumph

- **Specific definition:** a great victory; to win or gain success
- **Examples:**
  - Winning a war?
  - Successful invention?
  - Not failing a test?



# Define Tragedy

- **Specific definition:** a disastrous event; causing much suffering or having an unhappy ending
- **Examples:**
  - No one applauding after your performance?
  - A natural disaster?
  - Losing a war?



# Think Perspective

- **No one applauding after your performance?**
  - Triumph = You performed!
  - Tragedy = No one liked it—but does that matter?
- **Building fires (think 1800s or 1900s)?**
  - Tragedy = Destroying homes and businesses
  - Triumph = Better fire safety prevention and fire-fighting techniques



# Is There an Order?

## Tragedy to Triumph?

- **Natural disasters**
  - Build stronger and smarter
  - Preparedness
- **Social Movements**
  - Unity and awareness
  - Policy and change

## Triumph to Tragedy?

- **Rise of leaders**
  - Power and ego
  - Poor decisions
- **Inventions and Discoveries**
  - Atomic bomb and WMDs?
  - Titanic

Lessons learned *in history*.



# Keep in mind

- When selecting a topic:
  - Pick something YOU are INTERESTED in
  - Think about the theme
  - Think about HISTORY

## What counts as history...



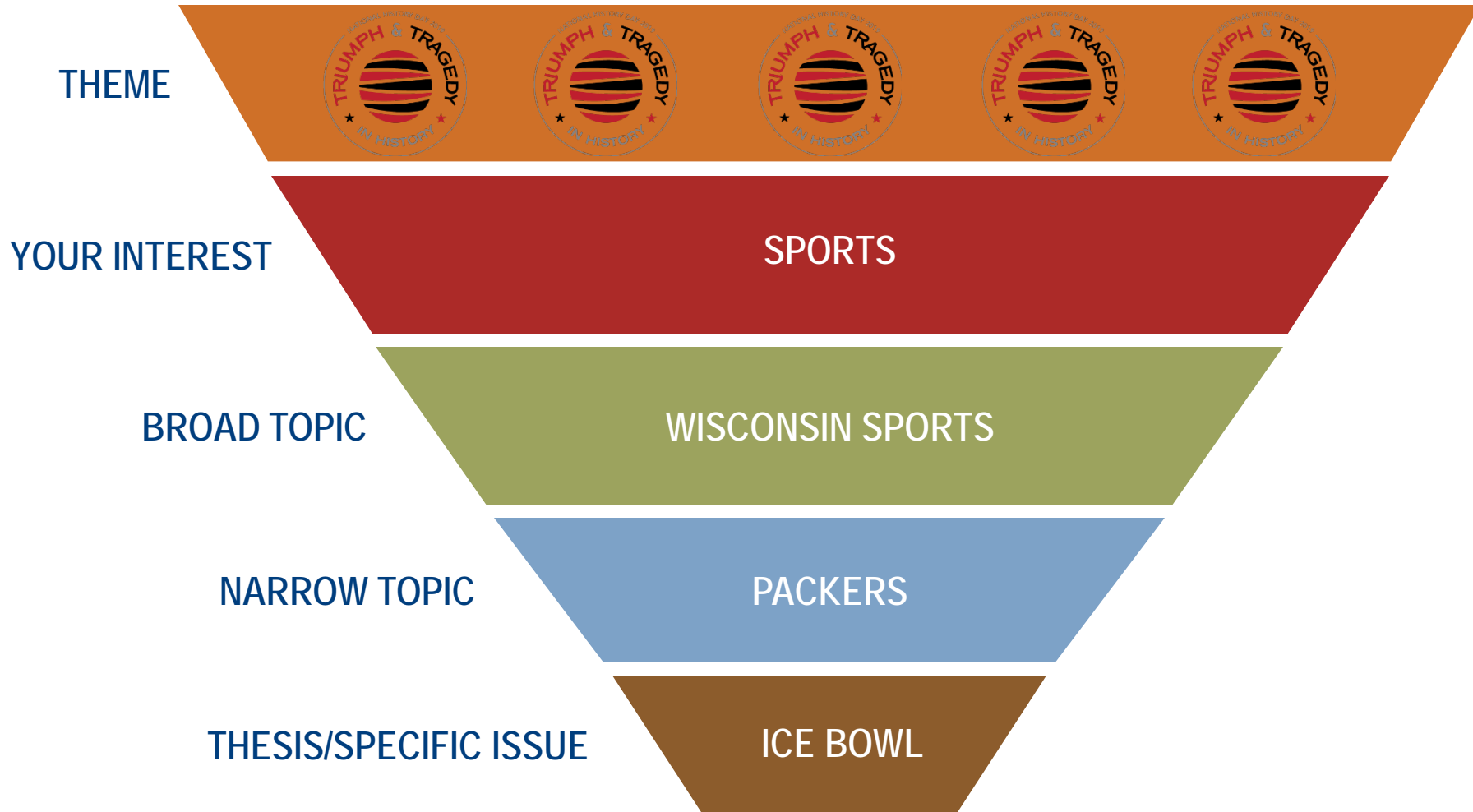


# History

- The effects aren't known right away
- Allow time for:
  - Policy changes
  - Recovery
  - Economic shifts
  - International response

About 20 years

# Narrowing a Topic





# FOUR T's

TIMES

TRIUMPH

TRAGEDY

TRANSFORMATION



# Times

## Context

### What was happening?

- Locally
- Large scale

*Broad Topic: Using human subjects in medical research.*

- What would be helpful to know?
- How are *you* going to define medical research?
- Narrow Topic: Hippocratic Oath



# Triumph

- Describe the triumph.
- What made it a triumph?
  - Or *who* saw it as a triumph
- Synonyms help!

What  
happened?

*Broad Topic: Using human subjects in medical research.*

- Other cures found; good-outcome stories
- Narrow Topic: James Lind and Scurvy Trial 1747; first recorded instance



# Tragedy

- Describe the tragedy.
- What made it a tragedy?
  - Or *who* saw it as a tragedy

What  
happened?

*Broad Topic: Using human subjects in medical research.*

- What went wrong and why?
- Narrow Topic: Stanford Prison Experiment



# Transformation

- Has anything changed?
  - Good or bad?
- What can be improved?
- Present day?

What  
changed?

*Broad Topic: Using human subjects in medical research.*

- Is this the end of change? Did it solve problems?
- Narrow Topic: 1947 Nuremberg Code; creation of ethical codes



# How to Research

## VISIT PLACES

- Search online *to start*
- Find a good book
- Go to the back for the bibliographies

## ASK QUESTIONS

- Of yourself
- With others

## KEEP TRACK

- Record search terms
- Write down titles and authors
- Note how the source helps you





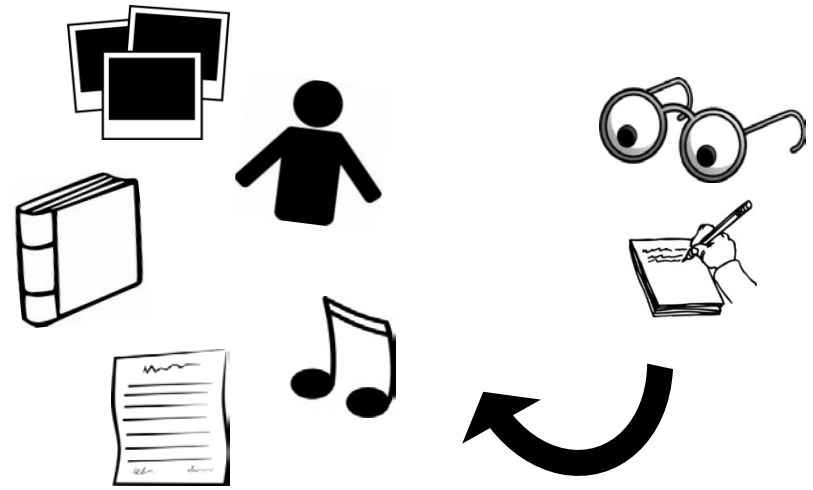
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This will be how you show your work!

- Primary Sources



- Secondary Sources



# Research is everywhere!





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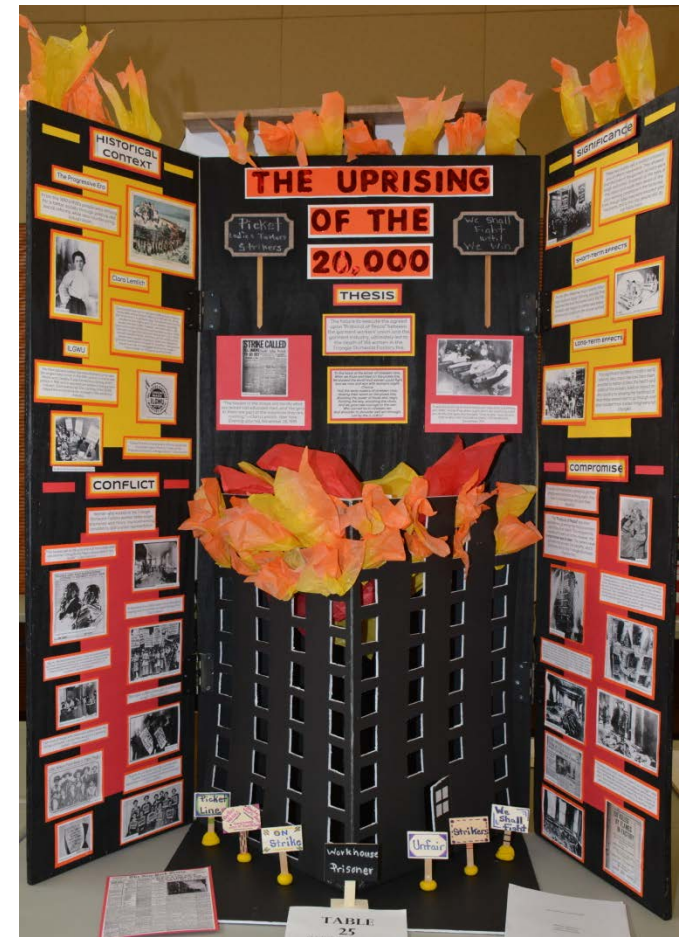
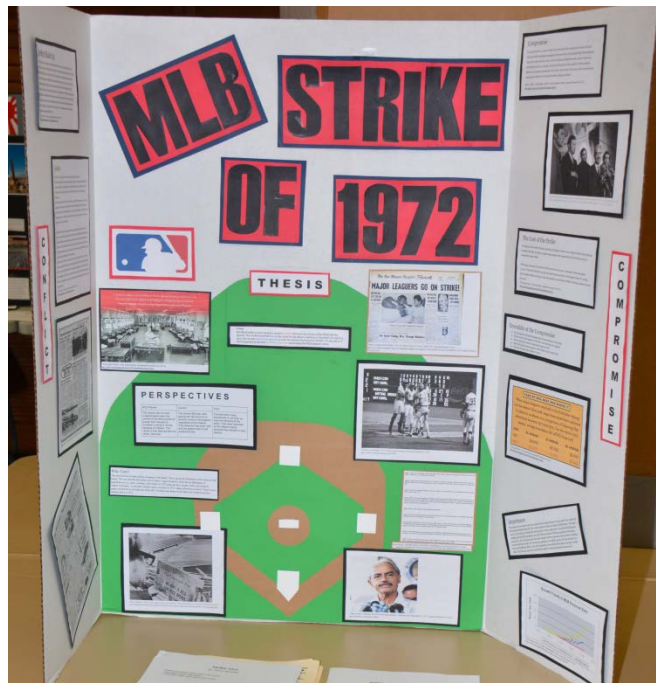
# Project types

- **Play to your strengths**
  - Artistic ability?
  - Video editing?
  - Writing vs Acting?
- **How do you best work?**
  - Sails vs. Anchors
  - Are you going to be friends in a few months?

# Exhibit

## DO YOU LIKE CRAFTS AND ARE ARTISTIC?

- 500 words
- Images or graphics
- Can use media





# Documentary

DO YOU LIKE EDITING WITH VIDEO?  
DO YOU HAVE THE SOFTWARE?

- 10 minutes
- Images *AND* video footage
- Make your argument early



# Paper

## DO YOU ENJOY WRITING?

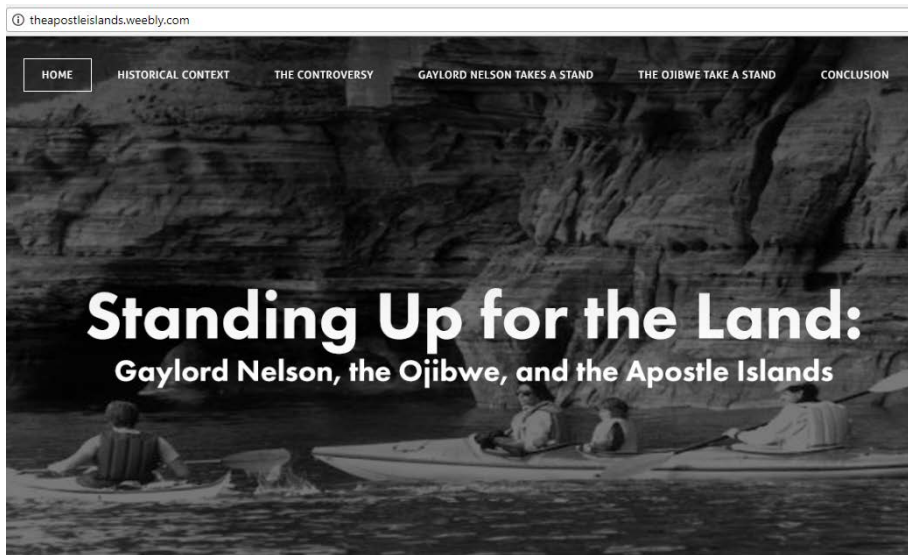
- 1,500 – 2,500 words
- Individual only
- Straightforward structure and organization to make your argument



# Website

## DO YOU LIKE DOING ALL YOUR WORK ONLINE?

- 1,200 words
- Use special NHD website (Weebly.com)
- Can use media





# Performance

DO YOU LIKE PUBLIC SPEAKING?  
ARE YOU IN IT TO WIN IT?

- 10 minutes
- Props not necessary
- Make an argument





# Annotated Bibliography + Process Paper

- **Annotated Bibliography**
  - Annotated = You write a few sentences about how each source helped you learn about your topic.
  - Bibliography = Cite your source so someone can find it *and* give proper credit to the creator.
- **Process Paper**
  - Needed if you want to compete (one per group)
  - Only maximum 500 words
  - Answer a few questions:
    - How did you pick your topic?
    - What did you find surprising?
    - Where did you find your favorite source?

# Competitions\*

\*Optional

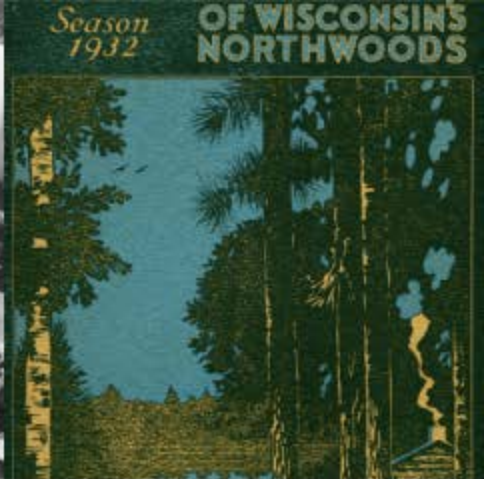
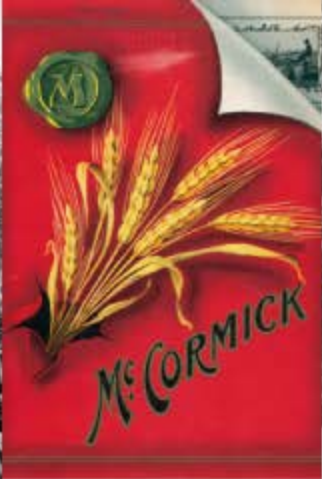
- School Events
- Regional Contests
- State Competition
  - Madison, WI
- National Contest
  - Washington D.C.

READ  
THE CONTEST RULE BOOK!



# Questions?

- Historians ask *a lot* of questions.
- Email National History Day in Wisconsin:
  - [historyday@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:historyday@wisconsinhistory.org)
  - Either Courtney or Jenny will respond
- Look at FAQs online:
  - [wisconsinhistory.org/nhd](http://wisconsinhistory.org/nhd)
  - Lots of project help!



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# THANK YOU

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