

# Breaking Barriers In History Theme Guide

Break (verb)

“to separate into parts; to violate or transgress” – Merriam-Webster

“to overcome, interrupt or disrupt something; may or may not be able to repair”

– NHD in Wisconsin Office

Barrier (noun)

“something material that blocks or is intended to block passage” – Merriam-Webster

“something in the way” – NHD in Wisconsin Office

Ask yourself:

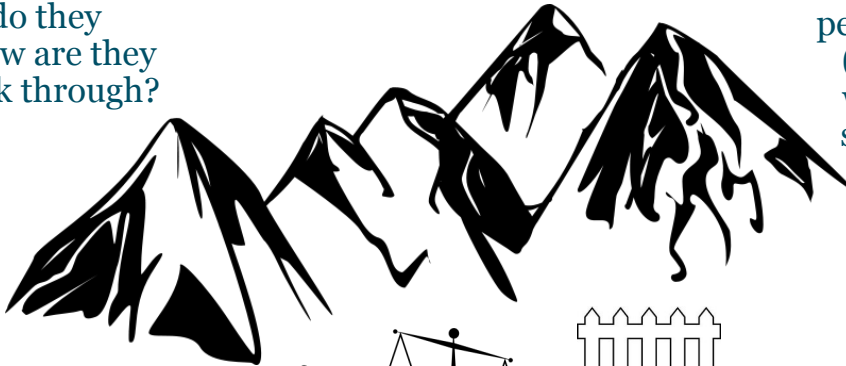
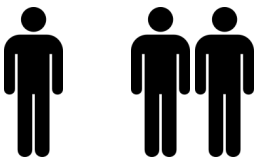
**What kind(s) of barriers?** Barriers can be in all shapes and sizes. There can be many or few. What are the major people, objects, ideas, or other barriers in the way? **How** are they going to break barriers?

**What is the goal?**

Look at where the person or group started (or is) and where they wish to go. What does success or “making it” look like?

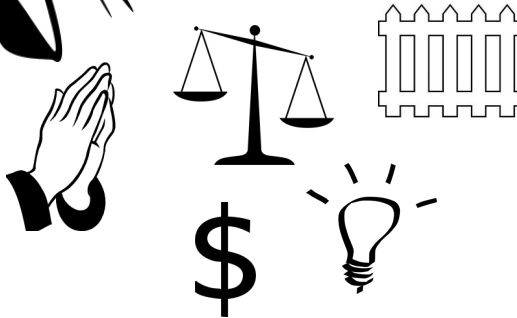
**Is someone working alone or in a group?**

What resources do they have to help? How are they planning to break through?



Does everyone agree that there is a barrier? Why or why not?

Does everyone agree on the goal? Why or why not?



**Are all barriers bad?**

Depends! Some laws, fences or other security measures are made to protect people. Have you ever seen a fence with the sign below?



**Where did the barriers come from?**

Who or what made the barrier? Why? When? Who sees the barrier?

**Future barriers?**

Is the barrier gone? Will more people continue to face these (same) barriers? Are there more ahead?

