

# Argumentation Plan

This document will guide you from *organizing your research* to forming an **argument** to support your revised thesis.

**Revised Thesis:** (1. Clearly state topic, 2. Define Parameters, 3. Use the “Breaking Barriers in History” theme, 4. Make it an argument.)

## Background/Context

What is happening in the US at this time (related to your topic)?

What is happening in Chicago or Illinois at the time?

What is the “barrier” / situation / issue that requires “breaking?”

**Arguments:** We need six claims which support and help you prove your main thesis. This is your reasoning. Some projects might even have more claims to support their argument! Keep these short - 1 or 2 sentences each.

**Claim 1:**

**Claim 2:**

**Claim 3:**

**Evidence:** You MUST support your claims with evidence. A project without evidence is a failure. Try to use three to five for each claim.

**Evidence for Claim 1:**

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**Evidence for Claim 2:**

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**Evidence for Claim 3:**

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**Analysis:** “So What?!” Why does this claim matter? What’s the point of the argument you’re making? Conclude and hit a convincing home run! For example, “Because of (this claim), the great injustice would have continued.” or “Without (this claim), nothing would have changed.”

**Analysis 1:**

**Analysis 2:**

**Analysis 3:**

**Reminder, what's your thesis?**

**Reminder, Background/Context (and how it relates to your analysis of change):**

**Arguments (continued):** Write three more claims which support and help you prove your main thesis. Keep them short, 1-2 sentences each.

**Claim 4:**

**Claim 5:**

**Claim 6:**

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**Evidence for Claim 4:**

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**Evidence for Claim 5:**

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**Evidence for Claim 6:**

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**Analysis 4:**

**Analysis 5:**

**Analysis 6:**

