



# History Fair and You

## Beginning to Find a Topic

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART ONE:

What are your hobbies, afterschool activities, and interests? What do you enjoy?

Name two things about Chicago that you want to learn more about:

Name three issues (social, political, cultural, world, etc.) that you care about or want to know more about:

What areas of history are most interesting and intriguing to you?

Talk with adults in your life: family members, teachers. What exciting or important events in the city have happened since they've been alive? Were they active in any groups or organizations? What passion, expertise do they have?

Look at the [Encyclopedia of Chicago](#) and use to timeline or keywords search function: are there important topics that may match your interests?

**PART TWO:**

If you're given a choice of working in a group or by yourself, what do you normally prefer?

Individually

In a group

If you're given a choice, how do you like to express yourself?

|  | Least Favorite           | Like it                  | Love it!                 | Never done it, but sounds fun! |
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| I like to perform                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| I like to design (artwork, photos, layout) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| I like to make movies                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>       |

How comfortable are you working on a computer to:

|  | Not comfortable or interested | Not comfortable BUT interested | Not comfortable but VERY interested | Comfortable              |
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