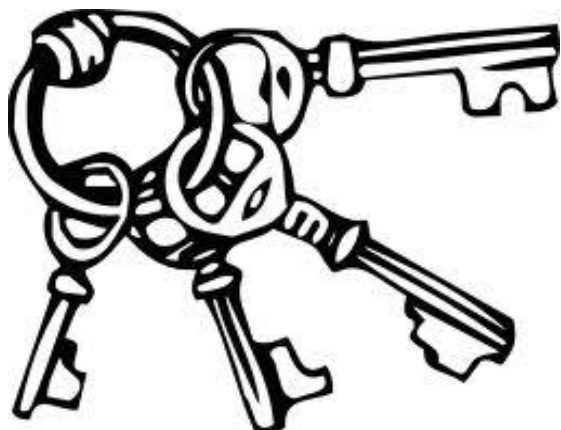


HISTORY FAIR TOPIC SELECTION SHEET



REMEMBER THE KEYS TO FINDING A TOPIC AND RESEARCH QUESTION

- **IT'S HISTORY** – It happened at least 25 years ago.
- **IT'S GOT SOURCES** – It has plenty of primary and secondary sources to use for evidence and to build your story.
- **IT'S GOT SOUL** – You care about it!
- **IT DEMANDS INTERPRETATION** – Interpretation means making an argument about how and why changes happened.
- **IT'S SIGNIFICANT** – The changes made were important, long-lasting and relevant.

Topic Selection Sheet Adapted from
Making History: A Guide to Historical Research Through the National History Day Program by National History Day, Jodi Vandenberg-Daves, ed. (National History Day, 2006).

1. This year's History Day theme is _____

2. I think my topic will be _____

3. I am interested in this topic because

4. This topic relates to the theme because

5. "How" and "Why?" questions I have about my topic are

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

6. Three specific sources I might look for when researching my topic are

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

7. This topic is important because

8. **ANOTHER TOPIC I'M CONSIDERING IS**

9. I am interested in this topic because

10. This topic relates to the theme because

11. "How" and "Why?" questions I have about my topic are

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

12. Three specific sources I might look for when researching my topic are

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

13. This topic is important because
