

Chicago Topic Ideas



Communication in History: The Key to Understanding

CULTURE – ART, MUSIC, LITERATURE, EDUCATION

- Sandra Cisneros
- Gwendolyn Brooks
- Digital Communication and cinema
- MUSEUM OF BROADCAST COMMUNICATIONS
- WCFL
- Bilingual Education; Lafayette School Bilingual program
- The advent of house music
- WVON
- WCEV
- Chicago Foreign Language Survey,
- 1963 CPS student/parent boycott to integrate schools
- Ernest Miller Hemingway
- Harriet Monroe
- Ebony Magazine
- Sheldon Allan “Shel” Silverstein
- Edgar Rice Burroughs
- Floyd Dell
- Creation of yellow pencils
- Film Critics: Jack Lawson/ Roger Ebert
- Walt Disney
- Chicago’s Essanay Studios
- Wallace Carlson and Winsor McCay
- Museums
- Bernie Mac
- Second City
- Westerns (Film Genre)
- Jazz
- Blues
- Old town School of Folk
- Broadway and Theater in Chicago

MEDICINE, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY

- Elisha Gray (telephone)
- Motorola
- Zenith
- Western Electric-Picture Phone
- World's Fair
- Science and Industry Museum
- Color TV

WAR and MILITARY

- World War II Factories
- Cold War
- Soldier Field

POWER, AUTHORITY

- Mayoral campaigns, e.g. Harold Washington
- 1968 DNC
- Formation of the CTU

ECONOMICS, BUSINESS, LABOR

- Sinclair The Jungle
- Newspapers in general...
- Harpo Studios
- Trade on the Mississippi River
- Haymarket
- CTU Wildcat Strike
- Oscar Mayer's Wienermobile
- Pullman Strike
- Chicago railroad strike of 1977

RACE and CIVIL RIGHTS

- The Chicago Defender
- The Black Panther Party Chicago Chapter
- Fred Hampton
- Mark Clark
- MLK March on Marquette
- Chicago Freedom Movement
- Society for Human Rights
- Race Riots of 1919
- Fernwood Park Race Riots
- Division Street Riots
- Marquette Park rallies

WOMEN, GENDER

- Suffragette movement
- Ida B Wells
- Jane Adams
- Sandra Cisneros

SOCIAL HISTORY

- Better American Speech Week
- Lager Beer Riots

SPORTS and RECREATION

- Michael Jordan- Nike
- Super Bowl Shuffle / Sports Advertising
- All American Women's Baseball League
- Jumbotron (Sox and Cubs)

IMMIGRATION and ETHNIC HISTORY

- Muslim communities
- the West Side
- Black Panthers
- Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago.
- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights