

History Fair 2013
Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events
Topic Ideas

World History	US History
Reign of Terror: radicalization of the French Revolution	John Maynard Keynes and the influence of Keynesian economics
The Treaty of Versailles in 1918 and its consequences	<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> and the integration of American schools
<i>The Communist Manifesto</i> and European revolutions	Effects of <i>Roe v. Wade</i>
Opium War and the rise of European power in China	Korea and limited warfare: the firing of Douglas MacArthur
Eleanor of Aquitaine's pivotal role in the High Middle Ages	Sam Walton and the Wal-Mart phenomenon
The effects of the fall of Constantinople	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> and the growth of Jim Crow
William the Conqueror and the course of English history	Ronald Reagan and the resurgence of conservatism in America
Martin Luther's 95 theses and the coming of the Protestant Reformation	The Interstate Highway Act of 1956 and the growth of suburban America
Turning Points of the Korean War: China's entry	Television in the 1950s and the transformation of American entertainment
The International Woman's Day strike in Petrograd: spark of the Russian Revolution	The great migration of African-Americans to the north and its consequences
Mary Wollstonecraft and the early women's rights movement	The Zimmermann Telegram and the United States' entry into World War I
St. Augustine and a new understanding of the individual, society, and God	Ms. magazine and the growth of the feminist movement
The impact of Buddha's teaching on India	Midway: turning the tide in the Pacific war
Ptolemy's conquest of Egypt and the growth of Kushite civilization	Walter Reed and the conquest of yellow fever
Consequences of the recapture of Jerusalem by Salah a-Din	The Civilian Conservation Corps: savior of young men
Genghis Khan and the Pax Mongolia	The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the coming of the Civil War
Battle of Sekigahara and the rise of the Tokugawas	The sinking of the USS Maine and the beginning of the Spanish-American War
The Russo-Japanese War: introduction of Japan as a world power	The Great Railroad Strike of 1877 and the American labor movement
First victory of the women's suffrage movement: Norwegian women gain the right to vote	Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse: a cultural revolution
The fall of the Berlin Wall and the decline of the Soviet empire	The Beatles and the British invasion
The transforming impact of the printing press	Watergate and the weakening of the presidency
Effects of the Crusades on medieval Europe	Breaking the barrier: Jackie Robinson
1492: A new world for America and Europe	The Keating-Owen Act and child labor

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The Third Punic War and the end of Carthage	Samuel Gompers and the founding of the American Federation of Labor
Revocation of the Edict of Nantes and the Huguenot migration	The Marshall Plan and the reconstruction of postwar Europe
Publication of the <i>Koran</i> and the expansion of Islam	The Homestead Act and the settlement of the West
Emperor Constantine and the toleration of Christianity	Henry Ford, driving force behind the automobile revolution in America
Prince Henry the Navigator and Portugal's exploration of Mica	The Tet offensive and American public opinion
The reign of Isabella of Castile: Reconquista and empire	The Sears Roebuck catalogue and the rise of mass consumption
Irish potato famine and the Irish diaspora	Rachel Carson's <i>Silent Spring</i> and the growth of the environmental movement
Changing Middle Eastern politics: the rise of OPEC	Curt Flood and free agency in baseball
The Ayatollah Khomeini and the Islamic revolution in Iran	Harry Truman's momentous decision: dropping the bomb
The Great Fire of London and its aftermath	Betty Friedan and the feminist movement
1848: year of revolution	FDR and the New Deal: expansion of the Executive Branch
Ho Chi Minh, revolutionary leader	The Cuban Missile Crisis and the policy of brinkmanship
Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand: trigger for war	Henry Flagler and the overseas railroad
	Ironclads: a turning point in naval warfare
	The Battle of Antietam and the end of McClellan's military career
	The Compromise of 1877 and end of Reconstruction
	Food safety: Upton Sinclair and the impact of <i>The Jungle</i>
	No chance for compromise: Lincoln's issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation
	Xenophobia and the trial of Sacco and Vanzetti
	The Russian Revolution and the Red Scare
	Prohibition and the rise of organized crime
	Hollywood and the idea of escapism during the Great Depression
	Knute Rockne and football strategy: the forward pass
	Frederick Taylor and the idea of scientific management
	Blueprint for honest government: the separation of powers

US History
The end of WASP America: the influence of the New Deal on American politics
Regional planning: the impact of the Tennessee Valley Authority
The Wagner Act and the right to collective bargaining
Alfred Thayer Mahan and the influence of sea power
The Panama Canal: trade vs. military might
The U.S. Senate's rejection of the Treaty of Versailles
America for Americans: Isolationism in the 1920s
Lend-Lease and America's entry into World War II
D-Day: The Allied armada
The idea of human rights: the UN's Declaration
George Kennan and the policy of containment
Testing America's resolve: the Soviet blockade of Berlin and the Berlin Airlift
A new order in Europe: the establishment of NATO
Nixon's folly? The policy of Vietnamization
Tragedy at Kent State: anti-war protest turns deadly
Shock to the system: the 1973 OPEC oil embargo
Booker T. Washington and the Atlanta Compromise: economic gains vs. civil rights
No more status quo: the Niagara Movement and civil rights
A. Philip Randolph and the integration of the labor movement
Racial equality and the Greensboro Sit-in
A bus to nowhere? The 1961 Freedom Rides
The tide of public opinion turns: Bloody Sunday in Selma
Malcolm X and black nationalism
Cultural safeguards: the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934
Our eyes were watching God: the Okeechobee hurricane of 1928
The end of the closed shop: the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947
McCarthyism and the policy of intimidation
Iran Hostage Crisis: the nail in Carter's coffin
The Pendleton Act: end of the spoils system

US History
A counter to industrial America: the Populist movement
Social Darwinism: the ethics of Andrew Carnegie
White man's burden and American imperialism
Attacking monopolies: Ida B. Tarbell and the Progressive movement
The end of party bosses: La Follette and the direct primary
Speak softly and carry a big stick: the idea of gunboat diplomacy