Steps for History Fair Research

Think of a topic of interest to you.

How does my broad topic of interest **connect to history**?

Read widely about the context of your topic in broad history sources such as a history textbook, encyclopedia, or reputable history website.

As you read, **write down questions** that come to mind and recurring facts/concepts. Look for ways to **compare, contrast, or interpret**. Write down any sources you use and how used.

Write a **preliminary thesis statement** that integrates the history fair theme such as:

My history fair project will examine/compare/contrast/discuss or show……

Gather primary and secondary sources for your project.

Read sources and take notes about the main ideas and facts. In your notes, summarize, paraphrase or use quotes.

Revise thesis statement as needed.

Do more research as needed.

Using your notes, **make an outline** with topics and subtopics.

Write your **intro**, **body** of your paper, and **conclusions** (***research paper category only***).

Edit/revise based on feedback from your teacher until your final draft is ready to turn in!