

Narrowing Your Topic

Review this year’s theme and then think of what topics interest you. It will be easier to handle the research and also to present your topic if you narrow your topic. Try to come up with four different topics.

Example:

My Interest: *The Underground Railroad*

Broad Topic: *The Underground Railroad in Michigan*

Narrow Topic: *The Kentucky Raid in Cass County (August 1847)*

How does it connect with the theme? It connects with the theme “Triumph & Tragedy in History” because abolitionists in Cass County (including Quakers, other townspeople, and officials) triumphed over slave catchers from Kentucky and stopped them from returning people to a life of slavery. The abolitionists viewed the existence of slavery as tragic and risked their own security to help those trying to escape.

My Interest:

Broad Topic:

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