

DECIDING ON A HISTORY DAY TOPIC

(Answering the following questions may guide you to a History Day topic)

REQUIREMENTS: student interest, fits theme, available resources, changed history (25 yrs. Old)

- 1) What is the theme for this year's History Day Competition? **"Taking a Stand in History"**
- 2) What does this theme mean to me?
- 3) What are my personal interests, in terms of 'large events' or periods in history?
- 4) Is there a state or local history topic that fits my interest?
- 5) If I choose a local topic, what research sources are available to me?
- 6) What national or world history topics fit my interest?
- 7) What research sources are available to me if I choose a national or world history topic?
- 8) What will my preliminary topic be?
- 9) Does my preliminary topic fit the theme? Have I asked my teacher, parents, State History Day coordinator or other mentor? Can I explain how it fits the theme?
- 10) Is my topic broad enough to show impact and change over time, but focused enough to accomplish great analysis?
- 11) Do I have enough time to complete research on this topic?
- 12) Did my topic's legacy CHANGE history? How?