

Heat Up Your History Fair Project

How Hot Is Your Thesis?

- Does it *take a stand*? Is it *debatable*?
- Does it present a *narrow and specific* topic?
- Can the assertion be backed up by *evidence*?
- Does it express *one main idea*?
- Does it tell the viewer why the subject is *historically significant*? Does it answer the "So what?" question or show *change over time*?
- Is it presented as a *statement*, not a topic or question?
- Is it *historical*?
- (Optional) Does it address the NHD theme?

Avoid These Thesis Pitfalls

Thesis is...

- just a statement of historical facts
- written as a question
- written as a topic
- too vague
- hard to prove with evidence
- current events, not history

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