

Choosing a Topic for History Day:

Ask yourself several questions to determine a general subject area that you can narrow down to a more specific topic. Do you like music? Are you interested in Japanese shoguns? Do you wonder who invented the microchip or how Haydn's classical music is similar to the punk rock of the 1980s? Do you admire Japanese animation and wonder where it got its start? Everything has a history, so let your imagination fly. Then, start making lists.

- What or who are you interested in?
- What sports, hobbies or activities do you like?
- What are you really good at?
- What are your favorite subjects in school?
- Were any of your relatives involved in key moments in history? Talk to them. Many parents grew up during the Cold War Era, for example. Ask them to tell you what it was like.
- What is your town or local region famous for?
- Are you curious about how our region in the Central Valley coped during historical events like the Great Depression or Prohibition?