

After you have chosen a topic, completed your note cards by researching, and sorted the cards into categories showing cause and effect; you are ready to write a thesis statement.

BRAINSTORM

1. Think of the questions dealing with the theme that you answered in your research. State the facts that address the parts of the theme.

- What was a specific barrier in history? (Include the 5Ws)

- What were the 3 types of actions taken to break the barrier?

- What changes/transformations occurred beyond the actions taken?

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2. Now, combine the question and answer into 2 to 3 sentences. This is your Thesis Statement. It will be the focus of your research paper and your history day project.

Hints

- Use the key words from this year's theme in your thesis statement.
- Find out what others have said about this event or issue and focus your research either to prove or disprove their arguments.
- Be open to new ideas as you research.