

## **Themes Final Project**

This school year in our social studies class, we examined history from the foundations of human existence to the rise and fall of some of its great civilizations.

To end our year, instead of looking at each event on its own we will take what we have learned and tie it together into one big idea or historical theme.

Everyone will write one polished and edited piece that explains their theme and how it helps us understand the history we have studied. Everyone will write a rough draft and peer review each other's work to develop a final draft.

The pages in this work packet will help everyone to organize their thoughts into a first draft and will guide you through editing and creating a final draft.

### **What makes a good theme?**

Based on our social studies class and our lessons on Early Hominids, Ancient River Valley Civilizations, Mesoamerica, The Columbian Exchange, and Early Colonies, think about what these different eras have in common. There are problems that humans have needed to solve.

## Theme Exploration

**Everyone will propose a topic about one historical theme.**

Here are some history theme ideas to get you started:

Control over nature	Dealing with disease	Conflict between people of different groups	Understanding time
Progress of technology	Leadership	Communication	Roles in society

Choose one of the above or think about your own.

**My Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Why my theme is interesting to me:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Questions:

Ask three Level 1 questions about your theme. These are Who, What, When, Where questions

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Talk to your classmate or consult a resource to answer at least one of these questions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ask two Level 2 or Level 3 questions about your theme. These are Why or How questions

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Discuss with a classmate to try to answer at least one of your Level 2 / Level 3 questions.

I talked with:

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