

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

**Your thesis should answer the 5 w's**

## **WHAT**

**What happened?**

**What was the main event?**

## **WHO**

**Who was involved?**

**Who was affected?**

**What outcome did each side want?**

## **WHERE**

**Where did it take place?**

**Why did it take place at that place?**

## **WHEN**

**When did it happen? → How long did the event last?**

**When was the turning point?**

## **WHY**

**Why was it important?**

**What are impacts?**

**Why did it happen and what it caused?**

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**The Thesis Statement:** A thesis statement is a central thought that holds your entire National History Day (NHD) project together. In the beginning, we like to call this a working thesis, because as you gather your research, this thought can evolve. By the time you present your NHD project you should have a concrete thesis that is supported by evidence.

**Thesis = Topic + Theme + Impact. In other words, you are not just introducing your topic, you are creating an argument that expresses your topic's significance and demonstrates how the theme plays a central part.**

**Your Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The General Theme:**

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**The Impact/Turning Point:**

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**The Change *After the Turning Point*:**

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**What must be proven in order for this statement to be true?**

**What evidence will we need to support our claims?**

**Where might we find this evidence (consider documents, statements, opinions, and other sources)?**

**Thesis Statement:**