

# NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2025: Find Your Topic

Your *Gale In Context* resources help you find and narrow down topics of interest to make your research simple and efficient. Use the steps below to find a topic for your project while answering the questions included.

## STEP ONE: FIND A TOPIC GUIDE

- Sign in to your *Gale In Context* resource to access the homepage.
- While on the homepage, click one of the topics listed towards the bottom of the page, or use the Basic Search bar to search for a topic of interest.
- If you use the Basic Search, choose one of the drop down options that have images attached.

## STEP TWO: FIND RELATED MATERIALS

Click into one of the Content Types on our Topic Guide (like Reference, News, or Primary Source).

- Click into a few materials to gain a better understanding of your topic and the rights and responsibilities related to it.

## STEP THREE: USE FILTERS

- While looking at materials, use the filters on the right side of the screen to narrow down your results even further.
- Filtering by Subject is a good way to find information about the rights you want to highlight.

# NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2025: Map Out Your Research Topic

---

1

What are the expectations for this project? What do you need to do to be successful?

2

Your topic:

3

What about this topic caught your attention?

4

What is your research question?

5

How does this topic relate to the theme of “Rights and Responsibilities”?

6

Keywords to use in your research:

# NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2025: Complete Your Research

Utilize this section to conduct your research. As a reminder, the Topic Guide you found within *Gale In Context* is a good place to start. Use the different types of content to enhance your research and make your project more interesting.

Your topic:

Time period:

Brainstorm a list of events, people, and issues that come to mind related to your topic. You will use this list to drive your research.

## Conditions Leading Up to Your Topic

Research each area below and record your findings to help set the stage and assist someone in understanding your topic.

Political	
Economic	
Social/Cultural	
Religious	
Other (intellectual, artistic, military, etc.)	

# NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2025: Complete Your Research

<b>Basics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who</li><li>• What</li><li>• When</li><li>• Where</li><li>• Why</li><li>• How</li></ul>	
<b>Important People</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leaders</li><li>• Decision Makers</li><li>• Dissidents</li><li>• Victims</li><li>• Heroes</li></ul>	
<b>Rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be specific- what right was being fought for?</li><li>• Why was/is this right needed?</li><li>• Was there more than one right related to your topic?</li></ul>	

# NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2025: Complete Your Research

<b>Responsibilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who was responsible for managing the right(s) mentioned previously?</li><li>• Who is responsible now?</li></ul>	
<b>Perspectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What were the different sides of your topic?</li><li>• How have opinions and views of your topic changed over time?</li></ul>	
<b>Effects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How did your topic impact the world?</li><li>• What impacts are we still feeling today?</li><li>• Are there negative impacts?</li></ul>	
<b>Why does this matter?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use this as a wrap up.</li><li>• Why should we care about your topics and the related rights and responsibilities?</li></ul>	