

History is All Around You

Need some help coming up with a documentary topic? Use these prompts to help you find history that interests you.

Come up with as many as you can!

- Wikipedia! Although Wikipedia isn't a great source to cite, it's a great place to learn about new topics. Start on a Wikipedia page for your city, State, or county and follow related links until you find a page that interests you. Write the page here:

- Historical newspapers. Use one of the newspaper guides on the website to find a newspaper from the day you were born. Now look at a newspaper from the day your parent or guardian was born. What was happening in America on those days? Choose one headline from those papers that interests you. Write the headline and what the article is about here:

- Current events. Everything happening in the world today is based in history. Find one thing going on in America today that you're curious about. Research how it started, similar things that have happened in the past, or the figures involved in enacting it. Write the event and its history here

- Obituaries. There are hundreds of amazing historical figures who are coming to the end of their life every day. Look at obituaries for people who have recently died in your area, or check out national figures through the NYTimes. Read through the obituaries until you find someone who excites you. Write their name here:

- Your block, street, or town. Take a walk around your neighborhood until you find an interesting building, intersection, park, or monument. Research its history. Who built it? What for? What existed in its place before? Write the name of the place here: