

Past, Present, Future: Historical Inquiry In Three Easy Steps



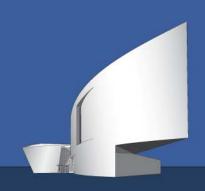


Three Easy Steps

Step 1: Research the topic

Step 2: Develop the story

Step 3: Assemble the exhibit



Step 1. Research the topic

- Decide on a topic (e.g. ANCSA)
- Create a bibliography (may work with a librarian).
- The contest requires data from both Primary and Secondary Sources.
 - (e.g. Gettysburg address vs. expert synthesis)
- Supporting resources include:
 - Quotes, photographs, illustrations, cartoons, maps

Step 2. Develop the story

Create a thesis statement:

Did ANCSA satisfactorily resolve the conflict over land in Alaska?

 Does the story fit well with the History Day theme (Conflict and /or Compromise)?

Step 2. Develop the story

- Break material into Past, Present, and Future:
 - What was the situation before ANCSA?
 - How did it get passed?
 - What happened after?
- Does the story fit well with the History Day theme (Conflict and /or Compromise)?

Step 2. Develop the story

Summarize the story:

- Tell the story to someone.
- Write a paragraph about the story.
- Expand the paragraph. Create sections for Past, Present and Future.

Step 3. Assemble the exhibit

- Storyboard the project: plan the layout.
- Check word count in all sections.
- Strategically place supporting resources for best effect.

History Day Planning Chart

<u>Present</u> <u>Future</u>

Did ANCSA satisfactorily resolve the conflict over land in Alaska?

Overall Explanation of ANCSA

100 words

The Conflict Over Land Before
ANCSA
75 words

Support Resources

Caption 25 words

Primary / Secondary / Community

Quotes

Photographs

Illustrations / Cartoon / Timeline

Passage of ANCSA

75 words

The Compromise: Implications of ANCSA
75 words



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Conclusion

Thesis Question / Answer 100 words



