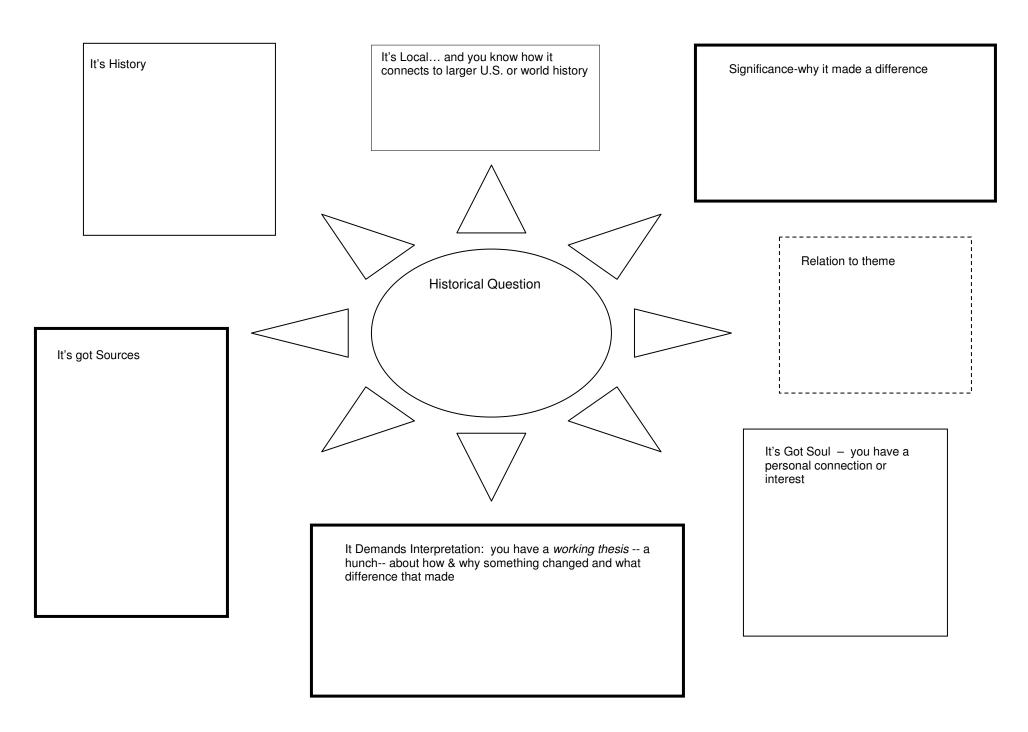
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Make sure you have it right from the start by evaluating your History Fair research question. If you cannot answer and explain how/why your question meets each part of the criteria, you might consider revising your question. Good luck!



It's History

Study change and continuity over time, causes and effects. Rooted at least 25 years ago, but deeper into the past is even better.

It's Local

The topic is connected to Chicago people, events, or places. Some Chicago history topics have made an impact on our nation's story; others reflect, or are "case studies" of a larger theme.

Topic

Historical

Question

It's Significant

The question asks about the impact on the social, political, economic factors that constitute society. It connects to bigger themes in history.

It's NHD Eligible

The National History Day theme is wholly integrated into the project. (NHD theme is encouraged but not required by History Fair)

It's Got Sources

Primary sources for evidence and secondary sources for others' interpretations are available at libraries, institutions, and the Internet.

It Demands Interpretation

There's a "big idea" that you want to communicate—not just facts. History Fair projects answers questions rooted in "how" and "why" change happens. Interpretation means making an argument based on evidence.

It's Got Soul

The project takes months so it should be intriguing and engaging—even better, it should be a historical question about something that matters to you.