

# U.S. HISTORY SAMPLE TOPICS

- The Winter of Valley Forge: Triumph and Tragedy in the Continental Army
- The Missouri Compromise: Unable to Hold Off the Tragedy of the Civil War
- Salem Witch Trials
- Smallpox and Inoculation
- Posthumous Portraiture: Creating Artistic Triumph out of Tragedy
- The First Battle of Bull Run: Anticipated Union Triumph Leads to Tragedy
- Mormon Migration to Utah
- Chicago: America's Second City
- Hudson River Valley School: Triumph of Nature
- The Battle of Little Bighorn
- The Triumphs and Tragedies of the Transcontinental Railroad
- D-Day: Triumph Despite Tragedy
- Ford Motor Company's Assembly Line: A Triumph for Capitalism
- Banning of DDT: Rachel Carson's Triumph
- *Loving v. Virginia*: Tragedy of Time, Triumph of Love
- The Great Raid on Camp Cabanatuan
- Rerouting the Chicago River: An Engineering Triumph
- Indentured Servants in Colonial Virginia
- The Creation of the Atomic Bomb: Scientific Triumph or Human Tragedy?
- Abstract Expressionism: American Artistic Triumph
- Impressment of Sailors: An American Tragedy?
- The Tragedy of McCarthyism
- The Three-Fifths Compromise
- The Tet Offensive
- American Settlers Versus Native Americans
- Little Rock Nine: Triumph and Tragedy of Integration
- Reconstruction: Tragedy Follows Triumph
- *The Jungle* and the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906
- Alice Paul and the Woman Suffrage Movement
- Executive Order 8802: Security over Civil Liberties



# EUROPEAN HISTORY SAMPLE TOPICS

- The Triumph of Gutenberg's Printing Press
- Nazi Art Looting During World War II
- The Crusades: A Tragedy of Religious Proportion
- The Battle of Bosworth Field: The End to the Wars of the Roses
- Edict of Nantes: Triumph or Tragedy?
- Triumph and Tragedy of the French Resistance in World War II
- The Protestant Reformation and the European Wars of Religion
- William Shakespeare: Triumph Through His Tragedies
- Treaty of Versailles: Triumph or Tragedy?
- Martin Luther, Pope Leo X, and the Reformation: The Triumph of Propaganda
- The Marshall Plan: Economic Reconstruction of Europe
- Isabella, Ferdinand, and the Spanish Reconquista
- Galileo: The Tragic Consequences of Triumph in the Skies
- The German U-Boats in the Battle of the Atlantic
- The Great Fire of London: Rebuilding Act of 1667
- The Easter Rising: The Triumphs and Tragedies of a Rebellion
- King Charles I: A Tragic End for the Monarchy
- Mary Queen of Scots and John Knox: Reformation in Scotland
- The Founding of the European Union
- King Henry VIII Versus the Catholic Church
- The Division of Berlin After World War II
- Emmeline Pankhurst and her Struggle for Suffrage in Great Britain
- Catherine de' Medici and the Huguenots
- Neville Chamberlain: The Tragedy of Appeasement
- Battle of Waterloo: New Beginnings from the End
- Marco Polo: Economy of the Silk Road
- Vincent Van Gogh: The Triumph and Tragedy of Genius
- Thomas Cromwell: Suppression of Monasteries
- Christopher Columbus: Triumph or Tragedy?



# WORLD HISTORY SAMPLE TOPICS

- Athens, Sparta, and the Battle of Marathon
  - The Shimabara Rebellion: Catholic Tragedy, Buddhist Triumph
  - Emperor Meiji's Modernization of Japan
  - Spanish Influenza: The Tragedy of a Deadly Virus in Wartime
  - The Castle Hill Convict Rebellion: An Australian Tragedy
  - The Triumph and Tragedy of the Japanese Invasion of Manchuria
  - The Partition of India: Triumph of Independence, Tragedy of Division
  - The Six-Day War
  - The Iran Hostage Crisis
  - Colonization: The French in Vietnam
  - The Crown Lands Acts of 1861: An Australian Tragedy
  - Emily Hobhouse and the Second Boer War Concentration Camps
  - Creation of the State of Israel
  - Philippine-American War
  - Cultural Revolution in China
  - Joseph Stalin and the Purge of Russia
  - Alexander the Great: Personal Triumph and Tragedy
  - Anwar Sadat: Struggle for Peace
  - South African Apartheid and the Division of a Nation
  - Saladin: Military Triumph During the Crusades
  - Genghis Khan: Cartography and Power
  - Chiune Sugihara: The Triumph of a World War II Japanese Diplomat
  - Triumph and Tragedy of King Tut's Treasure
  - Akbar I: The Triumph of Unification
  - Arusha Accords of 1993: The Tragedy of Failure
  - Tragedy of Blood Diamonds, Triumph of the Kimberley Process
  - The Tragedy of Religious Conflict in 1980s Nigeria
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