

# 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