

Key Terms to Know for History Day Projects

analysis- a careful study of something to learn about its parts, what they do, and how they are related to each other; an explanation of the meaning of something.

argument- a statement or series of statements for or against something; a reason given in proof or rebuttal; discourse intended to persuade.

context- the situation in which something happens; the group of conditions that exist where and when something happens.

impact- to have a strong effect on someone or something that could be good and/or bad.

short-term- occurring over or involving a relatively short period of time.

long-term- occurring over or involving a relatively long period of time; extended; long-lived.

influence- the power to change or affect someone or something; the power to cause changes without directly forcing them to happen; a person or thing that affects someone or something in an important way.

leader- a person who guides on a way especially by going in advance; a person who directs a course or direction; a person who directs the operation, activity, or performance of; to go at the head of.

leadership- the time when a person holds the position of leader; the power or ability to lead other people.

legacy- something transmitted or left behind from an ancestor or predecessor from the past.

project- a planned piece of work that has a specific purpose, such as to find information or to make something new, and that usually requires a lot of time; a task or problem that requires careful work and analysis.

report- a written or spoke description of a situation, event, etc.

significant- large enough to be noticed or have an effect; very important.

significance- the quality of being significant; the quality of being important; the quality of having notable worth or influence; the meaning of something.

timeline- a table or graphic listing important events for successive years within a particular historical periods; a schedule of events.

thesis- a proposition state or put forward for consideration, especially to be discussed and proved or to be maintained against objections.

**Note the difference between report and project. Students are creating a project, not a report.*