

Craft A Historical Question

DIRECTIONS: You will be writing a historical inquiry question. Use the prompts below to help you write and revise your question.

Write down your topic:

Circle what you are hoping to learn from your research:

- Causes of your topic?
- Consequences of your topic?
- Why your topic is important to today?
- Why it was important at the time?
- How/Why things stayed the same?
- How/Why things changed?
- Comparing two things?
- Other? _____

Write your 1st draft of the question:

HINT : Use one of the "Sentence Frames" for inspiration

Write your 2nd draft of the question:

HINT : Check the "Evaluate your Question" section

- The question is clear and it makes sense.
- It is related to the topic.
- There are multiple ways of answering the question
- It is interesting and important.

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CHECK TIME!

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Final Research Question:

Sentence Frames

- **Cause and consequence**

- *What led to ___?*
- *To what extent did ___ influence ___?*
- *Why did ___ happen?*
- *What role did ___ play in ___?*

- **Comparison**

- *Why are ___ and ___ similar/different?*
- *In what ways are ___ similar/different?*
- *What factors are responsible for the similarities/differences between ___ and ___?*
- *What were the different views held by ___ about ___?*
- *Why were perspectives on ___ the same/different?*

- **Continuity and change over time**

- *In what ways do the views of ___ show continuity/change in ___?*
- *How does ___ event show continuity/change in ___?*
- *How and why was there change/continuity between ___ and ___?*

- **Significance**

- *Why was ___ significant?*
- *What do the sources tell us about ___?*
- *How did ___ challenge the common views of ___?*
- *What can we learn from...*
- *In what ways is this important to ___?*

Evaluate Your Question

- Is the question clear? Does it make sense?
- Is it related to my topic?
- Does my question have multiple possible answers?
- Is it an important topic from its time period OR for today?
- BONUS: Do I already have sources that might help me answer this question?