HISTORY DAY ARKANSAS
Historical Analysis Worksheet

How does topic ____________________________ relate to the theme?

What revolutionary change has happened?

Were there efforts at reform of past practices/policies?

How did people react to the changes?

Does your topic fit into one of these historical movements or issues (the Big Idea)?

___ war
___ women’s issues
___ economic change
___ environmental issues
___ colonization/migration
___ democracy
___ urbanization
___ health issues
___ native populations
___ political conflict
___ civil rights
___ social revolution
___ human rights
___ nationalism
___ mechanization
___ education
___ expansionism
___ cultural change
___ political conflict
___ social revolution
___ human rights
___ nationalism
___ mechanization
___ education
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___ social revolution
___ human rights
___ nationalism
___ mechanization
___ education
___ expansionism

How does ____________________ fit into the concepts checked?

Historical Context
What was the time span of your topic?

What other major events/issues/conditions were in play during the time period of your topic?

How did some of these events/conditions force the immediate revolution/reaction/reform of your topic?

People
Who were some of the main players involved in the events of your topic?

Who were the voices of the other side of the issue? What were they saying?
Change Over Time/ Long term Impact
What long term changes came about because of the actions involved in ________________?

Has ______________ made a difference in the way people view the larger movements/issues related to your topic? Explain briefly.

Thesis Statement
Your thesis statement presents your argument, or position on the research topic. It is opinion based on fact, and (theoretically) can be proven true or false. Your presentation is your defense of the thesis. It is not a description or explanation of your work project. It is not a restatement of the obvious. Put an ‘x’ by the proper thesis statement below:

___ The Bill of Rights was the document that contained the first ten amendments to the Constitution.
___ The Bill of Rights was an effort to extend the Constitution to protect the common people against their own government.
___ The Bill of Rights was a reaction to the increasing centralization of American government, and provided reforms that were not included in the body of the new Constitution.

Write your thesis statement:

What primary source evidence do you need to support your thesis? (List the types of documents, not the specific documents.)

1. 
2. 
3. 

What secondary sources do you need to support your argument?

1. 
2. 
3.