

NHD 2019 Sample Topics
Triumph and Tragedy in History

Florida History Topics

- Building the Tamiami Trail: Highway to Unhappiness for the Seminoles
- Marjorie Stoneman Douglas: Campaign to Save the Everglades
- Osceola: Defender of Seminole Rights
- Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune: A Legacy of Education
- Cross Florida Greenway: From Failed Canal to Environmental Showpiece
- Flagler's Folly: Building the Overseas Railroad
- Rerouting the Kissimmee River: An Environmental Tragedy
- Fort Mose: Spanish Florida's African American Bastion of Freedom
- African American Voting Rights during Reconstruction: Battling for the Ballot
- Florida's Citrus Industry: Successes and Failures in a Changing Climate
- Alexander McGillivray: Ambassador of the Creek Nation
- Andrew Jackson's Invasion of Florida: Death Knell for the Native Population
- Andrew Turnbull's Ill-fated New Smyrna Settlement
- Battle of Okeechobee in the Second Seminole War: An Indecisive Outcome
- British East Floridians and the American Revolution
- Cabeza de Vaca's Harrowing Journey through the Wilderness
- Challenger: Fateful Flight, Fortuitous Future
- Courage Afloat: Caribbean Boat Refugees
- Cross Florida Greenway: From Failed Canal to Environmental Showpiece
- Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962
- Dr. John Gorrie and His Fantastic Ice Machine
- Florida East Coast Railroad: Opening Florida to Growth
- Florida's Black Seminoles: Story of Success or Sadness?
- Florida Boom or Bust: Communities Planned and Lost
- Florida's Convict Lease System and Its Bitter Effects
- Florida's First People: Resisting the Conquistadores
- Florida Park Service: Born in the Depression
- Fort Caroline: French Foothold in Florida, 1564–65
- Freedman's Bureau and Sharecropping: Slavery by Another Name
- Hamilton Disston's Fateful Effort to Reclaim the Everglades
- Labor Day Hurricane of 1935: Tragedy for WWI Veterans
- Legislative Justice for the Rosewood Massacre Survivors
- Massacre at Fort Matanzas: A Turn in the Tide of Florida History
- Natural Bridge: The Civil War Battle that Saved Florida's Capital
- Pánfilo de Narváez's Fateful Expedition in La Florida
- Rise and Fall of Billie Bowlegs
- Scientists vs. Salvors: Protecting Florida's Submerged History
- Sir Francis Drake's Attack on St. Augustine
- Spanish Gold Fleets: An Empire's Fortunes Shattered on Florida Reefs
- Tallahassee Bus Boycott of 1956: Opening Steps in Florida's Civil Rights Movement
- The British Invasion of Spanish Florida, 1702 and 1704
- The Ocklawaha and the Florida State Canal: A Tragedy Averted
- The Seminole Wars: Both Triumph and Tragedy
- The Storm Wreck: Colonial-era Legacy of the British Loyalists
- The Works Progress Administration: From Poverty to Public Works
- Treaty of Payne's Landing: Road to Exile for the Seminoles
- Triumph and Tragedy at Cape Canaveral: Fifty Years of Florida's Space Industry
- Unterseeboot: World War II Menace along Florida's Coasts
- Zora Neale Hurston's Triumphant and Tragic Career

National History Topics

- The Creation of the Atomic Bomb: Scientific Triumph or Human Tragedy?
- 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
- 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
- Indentured Servants in Colonial Virginia
- The Tragedy of McCarthyism
- The Three-Fifths Compromise
- 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

World History 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
- Triumph and Tragedy of the French Resistance in World War II
- The Protestant Reformation and the European Wars of Religion
- 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
- 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
- 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?