

## Sample Topic List: Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History

The following is a list of possible research topics in preparation for National History Day 2012. The list is not inclusive but provides a starting point for teachers and students to begin brainstorming ideas for research and presentation as National History Day entries. Some of the most exciting and interesting topics are local in nature. Students should be encouraged to look for topics in their own communities. Whether students choose to create papers, exhibits, performances, websites or documentary presentations, they must be sure to place their topics into historical perspective and context and analyze the significance and impact of their topic in history.

- John Brown's Revolt Against Slavery
- The U.S. Constitution: Reform or Counter-Revolution?
- Dorothea Dix and the Asylum Movement
- Simon Bolivar and Latin American Independence
- The Coercive or Intolerable Acts: Britain's Reaction to the Boston Tea Party
- The Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) and Alcohol in America
- From Franklin Delano Roosevelt to Nixon: The Revolution of Presidential Press Coverage
- The Copernican Revolution: Copernicus, Galileo, and Kepler
- Television: A Cultural Revolution
- The Boxer Rebellion: China's Fight Against Foreign Powers
- The Glorious Revolution and Britain's Bill of Rights
- The Edict of Nantes: A New Approach to Religious Dissent
- Jose Marti and Cuba's War of Independence
- The Black Panthers: Reforming Student Lunch Programs
- Canals and Railroads: Reforms in Transportation
- Bismarck's Reforms in Germany
- Classical Music: Reaction to the Baroque Era
- Confucius and Civil Service Reform in China
- Emilio Aguinaldo and the Philippine Uprising
- Jonas Savimbi: Angolan Revolutionary
- The Methodist Reforms of the Church of England
- Hawks and Doves: American Reaction to the Vietnam War
- The Airplane: Revolution in Warfare
- Sit-ins and Freedom Rides: Reformers in Action
- Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation
- The Reforms of Sosthenes
- William Wallace: Rebel Against English Oppression
- The Model T Revolutionizes the Auto Industry
- King Phillip's War: Reaction to Puritan Expansion
- The "Red Scare": American Reaction to Communism
- Germ Theory: Revolution in Medicine
- The Modern Reformation of the Catholic Church
- Pablo Picasso: Revolution in Art
- "Hush, Hush": Reaction to 'A Doll's House'
- Virginia Woolf and the Birth of Modern Feminism
- Curt Flood and Free Agency in Baseball

