



National History Day 2017:

Topic ideas featuring North Dakota

Circa 1738-1860

- Plains Indians and Euro-American Settlement
- Thomas Jefferson, Meriwether Lewis, and William Clark: The Push for Westward Expansion
- Alexander Henry Jr., Pembina, and the Stand for an Agricultural Colony
- Louis Riel and the Red River Rebellion
- Smallpox and the Mandan at Fort Clark
- Métis, Pemmican, and the Hudson's Bay Company

Circa 1860-1888

- Sibley, Sully, and the Indian War Battles of the Northern Plains
- Military Expeditions and Expansions into the Northern Plains
- 1862 Federal Homestead Law and the Claim for Land
- Homesteaders and the Stand against North Dakota Weather
- Dawes Allotment Act of 1887 and the Push for Assimilation
- Sitting Bull: Opponent of Reservation Life
- Fort Abraham Lincoln, George A. Custer, and the Battle of the Little Bighorn
- J. J. Hill and Henry Villard: The Forces that Drove the Railroad

Circa 1889-1915

- Child Labor and the North Dakota Constitution
- Linda Slaughter and Women's Rights Movement
- Elizabeth Preston Anderson: President of the North Dakota Women's Christian Temperance Union
- "Boys in the Philippines": 1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry and the Spanish American War
- Maintaining Ethnic Identity: Germans from Russia
- The Battle for the State Capital of North Dakota: Bismarck, New Rockford, Jamestown
- Alexander McKenzie: Political Boss
- John Burke: Birth of a Reform Era
- Edwin F. Ladd and the Pure Food and Drug Movement

Circa 1916-1918

- "Spread like Wildfire": The Beginning of the Nonpartisan League (NPL)
- Independent Voter's Association Versus the NPL
- American-Mexican Border Incident and the First North Dakota Infantry Regiment

- "To Hell with the Kaiser": North Dakota and World War I
- Taking a Stand against the Spanish Flu of 1918

Circa 1919-1940

- John Collier and the Indian Reorganization Act
- Farmers Take on the Grasshoppers: Agriculture during the Great Depression
- "Wild Bill" Langer and his Stand against North Dakota's Economic Trouble
- FDR's Rural Electrification Act and the Impact on Farmers

Circa 1941-1953

- Gerald P. Nye and Lynn J. Frazier: North Dakota's Isolationists
- Herman Stern Helps the German Jews
- Work on the Home Front: North Dakota Citizens' Role in the WWII Effort
- Chairman George Gillette and the Battle for the Bottomlands of the Missouri River
- The Corps of Engineers and the Push for the Pick-Sloan Project

Circa 1953-1968

- Ground Observation Corps: Monitoring the Skies during the Cold War
- ND Air Bases Activated for Russian Attacks
- Judge Ronald Davies and the Little Rock Nine

Circa 1968-1980

- The Demand for Strong Reclamation Laws: Coal Mining in the 1970s
- SAFEGUARD: Anti-Ballistic Missile System in North Dakota
- Leonard Peltier and the American Indian Movement
- Increasing Irrigation: The Flop of the Garrison Diversion

Circa 1980-2017

- The Posse Comitatus and Gordon Kahl
- Sarah Vogel: Fighting against Foreclosing Family Farms
- 1990s: A Time of Economic Development and Agricultural Diversification
- Senator Kent Conrad and the 2008 Farm Bill
- Growing in a Time of Great Recession: North Dakota's 2012 Oil Boom
- The Town of Leith and Craig Cobb
- Standing Rock and the Dakota Access Pipeline