

Social Studies Projects Fair
Approaches to the Process Paper

Process papers (500 word limit) are required for fifth grade projects. This paper helps guide student's research process. It should actually be done before the project is started (instead of after the project is finished) in order to help students develop and refine their research questions. Try to answer the following questions to help refine your research.

1. Name your topic.

I am studying...

2. What are you trying to answer? What is your question?

I want to find out who/how/why...

3. State the reason for the question and the project.

In order to understand how/why/what...

4. How does this topic relate to the theme?

Another way to develop a process paper is to write a paragraph answering each of the following questions using complete sentences, correct spelling, and proper grammar and punctuation:

1. Why did you choose this as your topic?

2. How did you do find your information about this topic?

3. What did you like or learn about your topic?

4. How does your topic relate to the Social Studies Projects Fair theme of Innovations in History: Impact & Change?