2015 Sample Topics List

- Benjamin Franklin and the Library Company of Philadelphia: A New Intellectual Nation
- Charlemagne’s Conquest and its Impact on European Architecture
- Mikhail Gorbachev: Leading a Struggling Nation out of the Cold War
- The Euro: How the European Union Led the Movement for Economic Integration
- William Howard Taft and Dollar Diplomacy
- The World Health Organization: Leading the Fight to Eradicate Communicable Disease
- Yoga Bonita: How Brazil Led a Soccer Revolution
- Globalization of McDonalds: American Corporations Leading the World’s Economy
- Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev: Leading the World Out of the Cold War
- The Legacy of King Leopold’s Vision in the Congo
- Pierre de Coubertin and the Rebirth of the International Olympic Committee
- Eleanor Roosevelt and the UN Declaration of Human Rights
- Drawing Boundaries: Thomas Jefferson’s Land Ordinances and the Settling of the American West
- Pancho Villa: Leading Northern Mexico
- Toussaint L’Ouverture: Leading the World’s Only Successful Slave Rebellion
- Nelson Mandela and the Fight for Equality in South Africa
- Eva and Juan Peron: Leaders of the Argentinian People
- Woodrow Wilson and the Organic Act: Creating the National Park Service to Protect America’s National Land
- Nora Zeale Hurston and the Harlem Renaissance
- Simon Bolivar and Gran Columbia: Leading the Fight for Independence from Spain
- Lilly Ledbetter: Leading the Charge for Equal Pay
- Emiliano Zepata: Leadership for “Reforma, Libertad Ley y Justicia”
- Olaudah Equiano: Exposing the Horrors of the Middle Passage
- Emmeline Pankhurst: Leading a Militant Struggle for Suffrage in Great Britain
- Alexander Dubček: Leading the Prague Spring
- Vladimir Lenin: Leading the Russian Revolution
- The Three Leaders: Mazzini, Garibaldi, Cavour and the Unification of Italy
- The International Space Station: Leading an International Effort to Unite Space
- The Iran Hostage Crisis: Defining the Leadership of a Presidency
- Thomas Paine’s Revolutionary Writings
- Bacon’s Rebellion and the Growth of Slavery in Colonial Virginia
- Andrew Jackson: The Legacy of the People’s President
- Invoking the Power of the Federal Government: Grover Cleveland and the Pullman Strike of 1894
- Alice Paul: Leading the Movement for Equal Rights
- Leading the Charge to Legislate Equality: Lyndon B. Johnson and the Voting Rights Act
- A. Philip Randolph: Leading the Way to Integrate America’s World War II Labor Force
- Steve Jobs and the Apple II: Bringing Silicon Valley to America’s Homes
- Hammurabi’s Code: The Legacy of the World’s First Legal Code and the Man who Made It
- Linking Europe, Africa, and Asia: Ferdinand de Lesseps and the Construction of the Suez Canal
- Otto von Bismarck and the Unification of Germany
- The Napoleonic Code: The Legacy of Napoleon Bonaparte’s Remarkable Leadership
- The Congress of Vienna: Legacy of Napoleon’s Downfall
- Eugene V. Debs’ Leadership of the American Socialist Movement
- Realpolitik: A New Form of Leadership
- The Marshall Plan: The Economic Legacy of World War II
- The Truman Doctrine: Setting American Foreign Policy in the Cold War
- The Veterans Administration: Leading the Fight for Veterans Rights
- Finland and Norway: Leading the Resistance to the Soviet Invasion in World War II
- Charles V and the Peace of Augsburg: Leading to a New Map of Europe
- Leading a Communist Island: Marshal Tito and Yugoslavia
• Confucianism: Leading the Way to a Chinese Civil Service
• Ravi Shankar: Blending Eastern and Western Music
• The Mercator Projection: Leading How We View the World
• Theodore Roosevelt: Leading the Charge to Build the Panama Canal
• Ulysses S. Grant: Leading the Campaign to Take the Mississippi River
• George Washington: Leading the US to Independence
• Leading Higher Education in America: Harvard, Yale, and William & Mary
• Using Television to Promote Religious Ideals: The Legacy of Billy Graham
• Cato and the Legacy of the Stono Rebellion
• Opha Mae Johnson: Leading the Way for Women in the Marine Corps
• China’s Terracotta Army: The Legacy of Qin Shi Huang
• General Anna Mae Hayes: Leading the Army Nurse Corps
• Leading the Fight Against Communism: Matthew Ridgway and the Korean War
• Following the Catholic Church’s Lead: The Crusades
• Isabella, Ferdinand, and the Spanish Reconquista
• Roger Bacon: A Renaissance Man in Medieval Times
• Alfred Nobel and the Nobel Prize
• St. Thomas More: Resisting King Henry VIII
• Tecumseh and the Western Confederacy: Leading the Battle Against Westward Expansion
• George Whitefield and the Great Awakening: Preaching Christianity to America’s Slaves
• Robert Wapole and the Legacy of Salutary Neglect
• The Hudson River School: Leading an American School of Art
• Elizabeth Bisland and Nelly Bly: Leading the Way for Female Journalists by Racing Around the World
• The Southern Christian Leadership Conference: Leading the Civil Rights Movement
• General Billy Mitchell and the Development of the American Air Force
• Berry Gordy and Motown: Creating the Sound of America and a Legacy of Opportunity
• George Crile, Harvey Cushing, and the Ambulance Americaine: The Legacy of Wartime Medicine

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