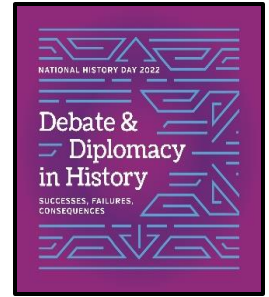




# Kansas Research Topics and Theme Key Points

## Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences 2022



### Key Points from the Theme Narrative by Ashley Foley Dabbraccio

Throughout the 2021–2022 academic year, National History Day (NHD) students will explore the theme of Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences. Some topics might be stories of debate and diplomacy, while others might cover debate with little diplomatic effort or diplomacy without debate. Students must investigate to determine whether one or both of those themes are present in their narrative.

Think of debate and diplomacy as a chess game. Several pieces are on the board, each with its unique talents and abilities. Some moves are aggressive and designed to advance the player one step closer to checkmate. Other actions involve the sacrifice of certain game pieces to advance.

Debates are formal or informal meetings where people argue opposing views. Some debates involve two sides, while others involve three (or more) perspectives. Diplomacy usually involves negotiating, compromising, and communicating with people or nations to find a nonviolent solution. Debate and diplomacy can occur independently or be intertwined. Can diplomacy lead to new debates? Can debates lack diplomacy?

Students must also consider the successes, failures, and consequences of debates or diplomatic exchanges. Were they successful, and for how long? Did they fail to resolve the issues or have unintended consequences? It is important to consider the short-term and long-term impact of different events or exchanges on history. Students need to determine the legacies and consequences, good and bad, of the debates and diplomatic actions they choose. They must ask questions about successes, failures, and consequences to drive analysis. What do we consider a successful debate or diplomatic endeavor? Can a failure turn into a success or vice versa?

#### Kansas Topics

The topics listed below should be viewed as high level topics that students should use as a jumping off point to find a more narrowly defined one. Keep in mind that it is just a *myth* that local topics do not do well. It is usually easier to find a greater array of primary sources for local topics.

Kansas the Exodusters: Refugees, Refuge, or Refusal?

Brown v BOE: Debate and Diplomacy Taking a Local Case to the National Level

Brown v BOE: Debate and Diplomacy of Equal Versus Unequal Schools?

Clarina H. Nichols: Debate and Diplomacy on Kansas Constitution and Women's Suffrage

Water Rights: Debating the Ownership of Water Flowing Into Kansas

Don't Fence Me In! Debate and Militant Diplomacy Over Open Range

Kansas Nebraska Act: Debate and Diplomacy Over Popular Sovereignty

William Allen White and the KKK: Campaigning Through Public Debate

Karl Menninger: Debate Over Humane Treatment of the Mentally Ill

Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant: Powering up a Powerful Debate

Robert Dole: Diplomatic Leader for American with Disabilities Act

Robert Dole: Leading the way for the World War II Memorial

The Homestead Act: Debate and Diplomacy Over Land Ownership

Eisenhower and the Interstate Highway System: Debate and Diplomacy Over Modern Transportation

Intercontinental Railroad: Debate and Diplomacy Over the Railroad's Western Route

Mennonite and Compulsory School Attendance

Mennonite and Conscientious Objectors

Big Dam Foolishness: Debate and Homegrown Militant Diplomacy Over Tuttle Creek Reservoir

Missouri Compromise and Future of Slavery in Kansas

Indian Burial Pit: Debate and Diplomacy Over Native American Remains

Indian Removal Act and the Potawatomi Tribe

Labor Rights and Coal Miners of Southeast Kansas

1867 Medicine Lodge Treaty

1825 Kaw Indian Peace Treaty

Dockins Drug Store Sit-In: Nonviolent Diplomacy Within Debate Over Desegregation

Henry Colmery and the G.I. Bill of Rights: Debate of Returning Veterans and Colmery's Diplomacy in Action

The Flu Epidemic of 1918: Debate and Diplomacy Over the Cause and Cure

Haskell School: Debate and Diplomacy Over Native American Education

Dust Bowl: Debate and Federal Diplomacy Over Cause and Prevention

Betting on Indian Casinos

Gadsen's Purchase

Compromise of 1850

Edmund G. Ross and the Debate over Impeachment of Andrew Johnson

University of Kansas and Debate Over Vietnam War

Alf Landon and the New Deal Debate: Success or Inefficient Government Debacle. 1936 Presidential Election

First Kansas Colored Infantry: Debate Over Use of African-American Troops in Civil War

Elisha, Sr., John and Charles Scott: Forging the Way For Debate Over Desegregation

Susan B. Anthony: Debate and Diplomacy Over Women's Suffrage In Kansas

Luz and Jesse Alvarado, Marcos De Leon and Victorina Perez Debate and Diplomacy Integrating Kansas City, Kansas Schools

Ogallala Aquifer: Debate and Diplomacy Over The Future of Water

Charles Sheldon: Debate Over African-American Education

Temperance Tempest: Debate and Diplomacy over Dry Kansas

Carrie Nation: Hatcheting Up the Debate Over Temperance

John Steuart Curry: Artistic Debate Over Political Powers

Debate and Forceful Diplomacy In County Seat Wars

Amelia Earhart: Diplomatically Flying Through the Debate Over Women's Place in Aviation and the World

Olive Beech: Paving A Diplomatic Way In Aeronautics Industry Debate Over Women Executives

Negro Baseball Leagues: Debate and Diplomacy Over Professional African American Players-

Orphan Trains-Debate Over Welfare of Abandoned Children

Populism: Debate Over Monetary System and Greater Opportunity for Farmers

Samuel Crumbine: Fighting The Debate On Stopping TB

Kansas Movie Review Board and the Moving Picture Censorship Committee: Debate and Diplomacy Over Movie Censorship

George Washington Carver: Debate Over Education of African Americans

Southeast Asian Refugees: Diplomatic Actions In Resettlement Debate

Wind Farms: Debate Over Future of Renewable Energy in Rural Areas

Samuel Crumbine Progressive Campaign Against Patent Medicines

Rosie the Riveter-Go Home Or Stay? The debate on women's role in Aviation Industry Post World War II

1886 Railroad Strike

Amazon Women And the UMWA Strike of 1921

Debate Over Civilian Conservation Corps: Socialistic Organization or Savior of Kansas Young Men and Environment?

Kansas Versus Colorado: Who Controls the Arkansas River flow? (1904 to the Present)

Civil Rights Cases: United States v. Stanley, 109 U.S. 3 (1883). Debate Over 14th Amendment of State Actions Versus the Individual