



Kansas Research Topics and Theme Key Points Triumph and Tragedy in History 2018/2019



Key Points from the Theme Narrative by Lynne O'Hara

- Keep in mind that one person's or side's triumph is another's tragedy.
- Most topics will contain elements of both triumph and tragedy, so don't ignore them if they exist, but also don't force your topic to fit both aspects they're not there.
- Consider when, where, and **why** events happened and what contributed to their development.
- Use evidence from your research to explain your topics impact on history and/or created chance.

Kansas Topics

The topics listed below should be viewed as high level topics that students should use as a jumping off point to finding 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 Settlement and the Homestead Act
Railroads in Kansas
Automobiles and Road Systems in Kansas
Water and Soil Conservation in Kansas
Temperance and Prohibition in Kansas
County Seat Wars
Exodusters in Kansas
The Kansas Nebraska Act
Child Labor in Kansas
Indian Mission Schools in Kansas
The Press and Free Speech in Kansas
The Aviation Industry in Kansas
Advancements in Medicine
Brown v. Board of Education
Natural Disasters and Weather Forecasting
Amelia Earhardt
The Scott Family of Topeka
The Indian Wars in Kansas

World War I
World War II
Influenza Epidemics
US Government and Tribal Relations
Bleeding Kansas
Pony Express
Labor Laws & Labor Unions in Kansas
Civil Rights Movement
Students Protests
Vietnam War
Civil War in Kansas
Welfare Reform in Kansas
Kansas and the KU Klux Klan
Kansas Mining Industry
Dwight D Eisenhower
Food Safety in Kansas