

Moments in History

Scenario:

The editors of *TIME* magazine plan to devote an entire issue to highlighting some of the greatest historical achievements of the past 100 years. In order to make the issue more than just a list of events or a timeline, they decided to have a theme that focuses on three events and cover them in depth. The editors have assigned the initial research to your team, a group of writers for the magazine. They would like to see a multimedia presentation covering your theme and the three events you have chosen. These events can be something that happened in a single day or something that evolved over a period of time. The editors encourage you to think in terms such as social and cultural change, scientific or medical breakthroughs, political change; basically, any turning point or achievement in all forms of human endeavor.

Possible topics to cover (these are only suggestions and are not a requirement for a superior presentation):

1. What makes an event historically great?
2. What criteria did you use to select your theme?
3. What criteria did you use to choose each event?
4. Describe the events.
5. What impact did these events have in their time?
6. How were the events popular or unpopular at that time?
7. How have the events impacted the way the world is today?
8. What lessons can we learn from the events you have chosen?
9. Why would *TIME* magazine want to go with your idea?
10. How would this increase circulation?

Bibliography

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Be sure to have a printed bibliography to hand to the judges before you begin your presentation. You are encouraged to cite all of your sources including graphics. A simple web tool to organize your bibliography can be found at <http://citationmachine.net/>. You do not have to put your bibliography at the end of your PowerPoint.

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Possible Sources

Newspapers, historians, scientists, videos, the Internet, encyclopedias, history textbooks, and the ERS Portal (<http://www.erslibrary.org>).

Online Sources

History Wired: <http://historywired.si.edu/>

An interactive link with events and people from sports, politics, business, entertainment, invention, etc., over the past 600 years.

Smithsonian Magazine: http://www.smithsonianmag.com/topics/Time-Historic_Events.html

Historic events page containing links to articles on wars, important political and economic occasions, catastrophes and social movements of the past.

Famous Historical Events: <http://www.famoushistoricalevents.net/>

Links to articles on many historical events.

eHistory: <http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/default.cfm>

An online historical resource from Ohio State University, including articles, photos, multimedia, and even entire books online.

History Channel: <http://www.history.com/topics>

Browse through historical topics by decade, era, or event.

HyperHistory: http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html

This detailed, interactive timeline will help you review the many historical events by decade.

HistoryOrb: <http://www.historyorb.com/>

Search articles by event for information.