

Topic Brainstorm: Turning Points in History

- Rosa Parks is Arrested
 - A turning point for the Civil Rights Movement?
 - Helpful Sources:
 - <https://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/rosa-parks>
 - <https://cnu.libguides.com/people/civilrightsam/rosaparks>
 - <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/rosa-parks>
 - <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/rosa-parks>
 - <https://naacp.org/find-resources/history-explained/civil-rights-leaders/rosa-parks>
 - <https://jimcrowmuseum.ferris.edu/what.htm>
 - <https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/united-states-history-primary-source-timeline/post-war-united-states-1945-1968/civil-rights-movement/>

- The Sea Voyage of Christopher Columbus to the Americas
 - A negative turning point for native Americans?
 - A turning point for colonialism?

- Maximilien Robespierre and the Committee of Public Safety
 - A turning point of the French Revolution toward the extreme?

- Charles Darwin and the Theory of Evolution
 - A turning point in scientific thinking?

- Doctor Alexander Fleming and the Discovery of Penicillin
 - A turning point for medicine?

- The Development of the Atomic Bomb
 - A turning point for warfare?

- Apollo 11: The First Humans to Walk on the Moon
 - A turning point for space exploration?
 - A turning point in the space race of the Cold War?
 - Helpful Sources:
 - https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/62281main_armstrong_oralhistory.pdf
 - <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED059051.pdf>
 - https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/apollo/apollo-11.html (Maybe also primary depending on what source is cited.)
 - https://www.lpi.usra.edu/lunar/missions/apollo/apollo_11/
 - <https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2019/07/17/apollo-11-moon-landing-science/>
 - <https://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/space-race>

- Sally Ride and the Space Shuttle Challenger
 - A turning point for American women in space?

- The Battle of Saratoga
 - A turning point during the American Revolutionary War?
- The Boston Massacre or The Boston Tea Party
 - A turning point leading toward revolution against the British?
- The Battle of Normandy (D-Day) or the Battle of Dunkirk
 - A turning point toward Allied victory in World War II?
- The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
 - A turning point that led to World War I?
- The Creation or Fall of the Berlin Wall
 - A turning point of the Cold War?
- The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
 - A turning point for labor reform?
- Henry Ford and the Assembly Line
 - A turning point in production?
 - A turning point for travel?
- The Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln
 - A turning point for the Union during the American Civil War?
 - Helpful Sources:
 - <https://guides.loc.gov/emancipation-proclamation>
 - <https://www.loc.gov/rr/program//bib/ourdocs/emanproc.html>
- The Creation of Prohibition (18th Amendment)
 - A turning point for the growth of the mob?
 - Helpful Sources:
 - <https://www.loc.gov/rr/program//bib/ourdocs/18thamendment.html>
 - <https://www.history.com/news/prohibition-organized-crime-al-capone>
- Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton: The Women's Suffrage Movement
 - A turning point for women's voting rights?
 - Helpful Sources:
 - <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/susan-b-anthony>
 - <https://www.nps.gov/people/susan-b-anthony.htm>
 - <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/elizabeth-cady-stanton>
 - <https://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/seneca-falls-convention>

- Sojourner Truth: Abolitionist and Suffragist
 - Turning point for the abolition of slavery and voting rights for women?
 - Helpful Sources:
 - <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/sojourner-truth>
 - <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/sojourner-truth>

- The Kent State Protests
 - A turning point for the protesting of the Vietnam War?
 - Helpful Sources:
 - <https://www.kent.edu/may-4-historical-accuracy>
 - <https://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/kent-state-shooting>

- The Tet Offensive
 - A turning point of the Vietnam War in favor of North Vietnam?

- The Creation of the 24 Second Shot Clock
 - A turning point in the history of the National Basketball Association?

- Alexander Graham Bell and the Invention of the Telephone
 - A turning point for communication?
 - Helpful Sources:
 - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/alexander-graham-bell-papers/about-this-collection/>
 - <https://www.history.com/topics/inventions/alexander-graham-bell>
 - <https://www.fi.edu/en/news/case-files-alexander-graham-bell>
 - https://www.ducksters.com/biography/alexander_graham_bell.php
 - <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/objects-and-stories/ahoy-alexander-graham-bell-and-first-telephone-call>

- The Creation of the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN)
 - A turning point for watching sports at home?

- Roger Bannister: The First Four Minute Mile
 - A turning point for track and field?
 - Helpful Primary Sources:
 - <https://vault.si.com/vault/1955/01/03/1954-its-sportsman-roger-bannister>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XZ65GJn-3Q>
 - Helpful Secondary Sources:
 - <https://achievement.org/achiever/sir-roger-bannister-2/>
 - https://www.espn.com/sports/endurance/story/_/id/22677426/the-story-runner-roger-bannister-greatest-living-englishman
 - <https://amhistory.si.edu/sports/exhibit/firsts/bannister/index.cfm> (This site might also include primary sources.)

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/five-things-know-about-roger-bannister-first-person-break-four-minute-mile-180968344/>

- The Creation of Air Jordan Shoes
 - A turning point for athletic footwear?
- The Miracle on Ice
 - A turning point for US olympic hockey?
- The Berlin Airlift
 - A turning point during the Cold War?
- The First FIFA Women's World Cup
 - A turning point for international women's soccer?
- Louis Armstrong
 - A turning point for the revival of Black culture through music?
- Pontiac's Rebellion
 - A turning point for pantribal resistance against western expansion?
 - A turning point for Native American affairs?
- The Battle of Little Bighorn
 - A turning point in the resistance of Native Americans to western expansion?
- Jim Thorpe
 - A turning point for Native American athletics?
- Navajo Code Talkers
 - A turning point for communication in the Pacific Theater of World War II?
- Plessy vs. Ferguson
 - A turning point for segregation?
- Brown vs. The Board of Education of Topeka
 - A turning point toward desegregation of schools, etc.?
- Tinker vs. Des Moines Independent Community School District
 - A turning point for freedom of speech in schools?
- The First Tenement House Act of 1867 in New York
 - A turning point for living conditions in cities?

- Queen Liliuokalani: The Last Queen of Hawaii
 - A turning point in Hawaiian History toward statehood?
- Nadia Comaneci: The Perfect Ten
 - A turning point for scoring of gymnastics routines?
- William Dempster Hoard
 - A turning point for the dairy industry in Wisconsin?
- Establishment of the Republican Party in Wisconsin
 - A turning point for politics?
- The Black Hawk War
 - A turning point in the Native American struggle against westward expansion?
- Wisconsin Lead Rush of the 1820's
 - A turning point in Wisconsin settlement and industry?
- Wisconsin Logging Industry
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 - Will need to find a more narrow focus. Maybe focus on a specific company, such as the Kapp, Stout and Company. Could also focus on a specific development, such as the impact of railroads on logging in Wisconsin.
- The Peshtigo Fire of 1871
 - A turning point for land use and clearing practices?
- John Michael Kohler: The First Cast Iron Bathtub
 - A turning point for the Kohler Company?
 - A turning point for the plumbing industry?
- Kohler Strikes
 - A turning point for labor unions and the national labor movement?
- Elvis Presley: The Turning Point of Rock and Roll
- The Beatles: A Turning Point for Music Production
- Warner Brothers Introduce the First "Talkies"
- Coco Chanel: Turning Point of Fashion
- Technicolor Transforms the Movie Industry

- The 14th Century Bubonic Plague
 - A turning point for sanitation and hygiene?
 - Helpful sources:
<https://www.history.com/topics/middle-ages/black-death>

- Jesse Owens: 1936 Olympic Games
 - A turning point against racial discrimination in sports?
 - Helpful sources:
<https://usopm.org/jesse-owens/>

- White Rose Society
 - A turning point for Nazi resistance?
 - Helpful sources:
<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/sophie-scholl-and-white-rose>

- Pele: A Soccer Revolutionary
 - A turning point for Brazilian soccer?
 - A turning point for the popularity of soccer in America?

- Rinus Michels and Johan Cruyff: Dutch Total Football
 - A turning point for how to play soccer?