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NHD 2024: THESIS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHEET

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CONNECTION TO THEME: *Turning Points*

How does your topic connect to this year's theme?

Put it all together into a thesis statement.

Can you prove it?

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How? Explain.

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NHD 2023: THESIS DEVELOPMENT EXAMPLE

TOPIC:

Invention and Impact of the Television

WHO: Who was involved? Who was affected?

Americans, television companies, tv show producers, actors and actresses

WHAT: What happened? What was the main event?

TVs grew in popularity and became common in most households, it was a new way to consume media

WHERE: Where was/were the place(s) it took place?

All over the United States

WHEN: When did it happen? How long was the time period?

In the mid 20th-century, with the biggest growth happening after WWII

WHY: Why did it happen? What caused it?

After WWII the United States saw a lot of prosperity and had a strong economy, this led to many households being able to purchase TVs leading to a larger audience for the new media frontier being pioneered.

WHY: Why is it important? What were the outcomes?

TV impacted the spread of information and the way Americans consumed media and it expanded creative boundaries and allowed for the widespread sharing of both mainstream and unconventional ideas which enacted long term social change in America

CONNECTION TO THEME: *Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas*

How does your topic connect to this year's theme?

Americans and TV show creators and producers were experiencing and pioneering a new frontier in media

Put it all together into a thesis statement.

In mid-20th-century America, the rising popularity of the television, along with the fiction and non-fiction shows broadcast on it, led to Americans experiencing a new frontier in media. This new form of media impacted the spread of information and the way Americans consumed it, while also expanding the creative boundaries and allowing for widespread sharing of both mainstream and unconventional ideas which enacted long term social change in America.

Learn more about the impact of television here! [Thinkport Inquiry Kit: Television!](#)