



## **Historical Analysis that Must be Included in All Projects**

### **Historical Setting**

Explain how particular times in history affected the individual. Think about related events that happened long before, and shortly before your event, that impacted your particular individual. For example the success of the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955, which ended the segregation of seats on buses in that city, was aided by Supreme Court desegregation decisions such as *Brown v. Board of Education in Topeka, Kansas* in 1954. Also African Americans had distinguished themselves in WWII, and had also fought in desegregated military units in the Korean War. Other minorities were also gaining acceptance for their achievements at this time. Better education helped Americans see through the falsehood of segregation. Television brought disturbing images of racial mistreatment into homes.

### **Significance of Place**

Explain how a particular place either helped or hindered the individual. For example, inappropriate farming methods for the Great Plains lead to the “Dust Bowl” that pushed many immigrants into California. Andrew Carnegie made steel in Pittsburgh because it was close to Pennsylvania coalfields and the city could use its three rivers and the Great Lakes to transport iron ore and finished steel.

### **Cause and Effect**

What were some of the major causes and effects on history of this individual? Include an explanation of change over time. A single event may trigger a series of changes that lead up to one big change. For example, the *Declaration of Independence* set forth ideals, such as equality, on which our country has made significant progress, but which it still has not reached. The Thirteenth Amendment ended slavery in 1865, but nearly one hundred years later the African American Civil Rights Movement was still fighting for full equality. Their successes then lead the way for movements to gain more equal rights for other minorities and women. The struggle continues for all Americans today, but particularly for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights.

### **Point of View**

How did others view the individual? What were their biases and goals? How were the person’s goals met or not met?

### **Significance of Topic**

Describe the lasting significance in history for your person. So what? What is the lesson we should take from this person’s struggle? How did the individual change the short-term and long-term course of U.S. History? How does the person connect to the United States today?