

Trailblazers' Guide to Making History: Blog Plan Worksheet

Hey, Trailblazers!

Ready to take your creativity and teamwork to the next level? Your mission: cover the entire U.S. History timeline with posts that are as informative as they are engaging! Use this worksheet to organize your team, assign blog topics, and decide how to bring history alive with diverse perspectives and bold ideas. Let's make this epic!

Step 1: Divide and Conquer

Work together to assign each section of history to a Trailblazer. Make sure every time period gets its moment to shine and that each post reflects a range of perspectives.

Step 2: Big Questions for Big Decisions

Here are some key things to think about as you plan:

1. **Tone and Voice**
 - Should all posts sound the same, or should each Trailblazer's unique voice shine through?
 - If we choose a consistent tone, what should it be? (Think: fun, casual, formal, or a mix!)
 2. **Language Guidelines**
 - What language should be included to keep posts engaging and accessible?
 - Are there any words or phrases we should avoid to keep things professional and respectful?
 3. **Publication Process**
 - Who's in charge of publishing posts to the website?
 - Should we assign an editor to review and format everything before it goes live?
 4. **Formatting and Visuals**
 - Will all posts follow the same structure (like intro, main content, and reflection)?
 - What visuals or multimedia (images, maps, videos) should be included, and who's responsible for finding or creating them?
 5. **Engagement and Feedback**
 - How can we get readers to comment, share, and interact with the posts?
 - Should we track feedback to improve future content?
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Step 3: Get Creative and Collaborate

Answer these questions together to ensure your posts reflect teamwork, innovation, and an inclusive perspective of U.S. history. Use tools like Google Docs or OneNote to keep everyone on the same page, and don't forget to have fun while you're making history come alive!

Trailblazers' Blog Assignment Table

Section of History	Trailblazer(s)	Number of Posts	Diverse Perspectives to Include	Due Date
1. Indigenous Peoples of America				
2. European Exploration				
3. Colonization of the Americas				
4. The Thirteen Colonies				
5. Life in Colonial America				
6. The French and Indian War				
7. Road to Revolution				
8. The American Revolution				
9. Articles of Confederation & Constitution				
10. The Early Republic				
11. The Jeffersonian Era				
12. Era of Good Feelings & Monroe Doctrine				
13. Jacksonian Democracy				
14. Westward Expansion & Manifest Destiny				
15. The Mexican-American War				
16. The Pre-Civil War Era				
17. The Civil War: Early Years				
18. The Civil War: Later Years & Reconstruction				
19. The Gilded Age				
20. Progressivism & Spanish-American War				
21. World War I & Aftermath				
22. The Roaring Twenties				
23. The Great Depression & New Deal				
24. World War II				
25. The Cold War Begins				
26. The Civil Rights Movement				
27. Vietnam War & Social Unrest				
28. Modern America				