

## MY SEARCH: Topics and Research Questions

Your My Search paper will include:

- **PART 1-** What I already know about my topic and why we (your group) picked this topic
- **PART 2-** Write your four research questions in paragraph format
- **PART 3 -** The answers to my four questions through my research
- **PART 4 -** How and where I found my information and what I learned about myself as a researcher
- **PART 5 -** My sources (Bibliography / Works Cited)

You are required to have a minimum of three (3) sources:

- Books / Ebooks
- Library Databases

| Topics                                 | Research Questions   | Presentation Ideas  |
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| <b>Knights</b><br><i>(Europe)</i>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the role of knights and why were they important in medieval Europe?</li> <li>2. What were the steps to becoming a knight?</li> <li>3. What type of training did knights do?</li> <li>4. What kind of armor and weapons did knights use?</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b><br/>* How were European knights similar and different to Japanese samurai?</p> | <p>Build knight shields / armor</p> <p>Explain the steps to becoming a knight</p> <p>Have audience members make their own medieval shield</p>   |
| <b>Vikings</b><br><i>(Europe)</i>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who were the Vikings? When and where did the Vikings live?</li> <li>2. Who was Lief Erickson and what is he known for?</li> <li>3. How did the Vikings attack people?</li> <li>4. What were Viking ships like? How were they made?</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b><br/>*What were the Vikings religious beliefs?</p>  | <p>Build a model of Viking Ship / Viking boat race</p> <p>Have students make their own Viking shield</p> <p>Create large map of Viking travels / Lief Erickson's</p>  |
| <b>Castles</b><br><i>(Europe)</i>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How and why were castles built?</li> <li>2. Who lived in castles and what was life like?</li> <li>3. What were some of the features of a castle?</li> <li>4. What were some of the ways that people attacked and defended castles?</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b><br/>* How did new weapons change castle construction?</p>                                    | <p>Build a model of castle</p> <p>Build small catapults and a castle wall</p> <p>Make a game and teach students about catapults / castles</p>   |
| <b>Samurai</b><br><i>(Japan, Asia)</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the role of the samurai in Japan and why were they important?</li> <li>2. What type of training did samurai do?</li> <li>3. What type of clothing did samurai wear?</li> <li>4. What type of weapons did samurai use?</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b><br/>* How were Japanese samurai similar and different to European knights?</p>                   | <p>Teach <u>one</u> of the things Samurai were supposed to know (tea ceremony, Haiku, or Japanese writing)</p> <p>Demonstrate a few ways a samurai would train</p> <p>Dress a student in samurai armor / clothing</p> |

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| <b>The Great Wall</b><br><i>(China, Asia)</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who was emperor Qin and what is he known for?</li> <li>What was the Great Wall?</li> <li>Why and how was the Great Wall built?</li> <li>How did the Great Wall impact Chinese history in both negative and positive ways?</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b><br/> <i>*Why were the Chinese inventions of gunpowder and paper important?</i></p>   | <p>Build a model of the Great Wall and explain how and why it was built.</p> <p>Demonstrate how paper was made</p> <p>Have students write Chinese characters on a piece of paper</p>                  |
| <b>Aztecs</b><br><i>(North America)</i>       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who are the Aztecs and when and where did the Aztecs live?</li> <li>What was life like in the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan?</li> <li>What type of food did the Aztecs eat and how did they grow their food?</li> <li>How and why did the Aztecs build their temples and pyramids?</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b><br/> <i>* What were some of the religious beliefs of the Aztecs?</i></p> | <p>Make a model of a Chinampa and show how the Aztecs grew their food</p> <p>Demonstrate how to make an Aztec food</p> <p>Make a map or model of Tenochtitlan</p> <p>Teach and play an Aztec game</p> |
| <b>Incas</b><br><i>(South America)</i>        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who were the Incas and when and where did the Incas live?</li> <li>What was the city of Machu Picchu like?</li> <li>What type of food did the Inca eat and how did they grow their food?</li> <li>Why were Inca roads and messengers important?</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b><br/> <i>* What are some of the religious beliefs of the Incas?</i></p>                                   | <p>Make a model of Machu Picchu</p> <p>Demonstrate how the Incan messenger system worked</p> <p>Demonstrate how to make an Inca food</p>  |
| <b>Mayas</b><br><i>(Central America)</i>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who were the Maya and when and where did the Maya live?</li> <li>What was life like among the Maya? (Class structure, daily life, etc.)</li> <li>What types of food did the Maya eat and how did they grow their food?</li> <li>What was the Maya math system?</li> </ol> <p><b>Optional Challenge Question</b><br/> <i>* What was Mayan hieroglyphic writing like and how did they use it?</i></p>       | <p>Teach students how to do Mayan math</p> <p>Demonstrate how to make Mayan food</p> <p>Build a Mayan temple and explain how and why it was built</p> <p>Teach and play a Mayan game</p>              |

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