

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
Knights <i>(Europe)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the role of knights and why were they important in medieval Europe? 2. What were the steps to becoming a knight? 3. What type of training did knights do? 4. What kind of armor and weapons did knights use? <p>Optional Challenge Question * 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>
Vikings <i>(Europe)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who were the Vikings? When and where did the Vikings live? 2. Who was Lief Erickson and what is he known for? 3. How did the Vikings attack people? 4. What were Viking ships like? How were they made? <p>Optional Challenge Question *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>
Castles <i>(Europe)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How and why were castles built? 2. Who lived in castles and what was life like? 3. What were some of the features of a castle? 4. What were some of the ways that people attacked and defended castles? <p>Optional Challenge Question * 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>
Samurai <i>(Japan, Asia)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the role of the samurai in Japan and why were they important? 2. What type of training did samurai do? 3. What type of clothing did samurai wear? 4. What type of weapons did samurai use? <p>Optional Challenge Question * 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>

The Great Wall <i>(China, Asia)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who was emperor Qin and what is he known for? What was the Great Wall? Why and how was the Great Wall built? How did the Great Wall impact Chinese history in both negative and positive ways? <p>Optional Challenge Question <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>
Aztecs <i>(North America)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who are the Aztecs and when and where did the Aztecs live? What was life like in the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan? What type of food did the Aztecs eat and how did they grow their food? How and why did the Aztecs build their temples and pyramids? <p>Optional Challenge Question <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>
Incas <i>(South America)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who were the Incas and when and where did the Incas live? What was the city of Machu Picchu like? What type of food did the Inca eat and how did they grow their food? Why were Inca roads and messengers important? <p>Optional Challenge Question <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>
Mayas <i>(Central America)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who were the Maya and when and where did the Maya live? What was life like among the Maya? (Class structure, daily life, etc.) What types of food did the Maya eat and how did they grow their food? What was the Maya math system? <p>Optional Challenge Question <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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