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Inquiry Made Easy

Below are some simple steps to help you become an informed, engaged citizen and change maker. You'll learn to analyze the full story behind an event by exploring different viewpoints, and determine the credibility of information and news sources. After you've gathered facts and formed your own opinion, you will find ways to take action and make a difference in your community and beyond.

Event I am Researching: _____



1: Check Yourself — Are you curious and ready to learn?

What do you already know?	
What do you wonder?	
What questions do you have?	



2: Learn the Events — Have you explored the backstory?

What sources are you using? For each, take a moment to make sure they are credible.

Source	How credible is it?	How do you know?



2: Learn the Events *Continued.* — Have you explored the backstory?

List some of the most important concepts, people and events.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Are there any cause and effect relationships among people, places, and events?

Cause

Effect

Are there any connections to today?



3: Explore Multiple Perspectives — Have you looked at more than one side of the story?

Get the full picture. Historians examine several sources and multiple perspectives on the same event or subject. Not all people or groups experience the same event in the same way.

Perspective #1

From: _____

Perspective #2

From: _____

Perspective #3

From: _____



4. Reflect and Review — Have you used an open mind to analyze all the information?

Think about what you have learned. Have you answered the questions you started with?

How will you share what you've discovered?



5. Take Informed Action – What have you decided to do?

Consider what you have learned and think of ways to take action. Having as much information as possible leads to well-informed, confident actions.

Select your next step(s):	Things to Consider.
<input type="checkbox"/> Share the experience with someone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What will you share?• With whom or how will you share it?• What is the purpose of sharing your experience?
<input type="checkbox"/> Create a written argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the topic?• What is your point of view?• How will you support your argument?• What sources will you use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What will you talk about?• What is the purpose of the conversation?• Who will you speak to?• Will you use the phone, Zoom, or meet in person?
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Ideas:	



6. Evaluate Results – What were the results of your action(s)?

Did you learn something new?

What would you do differently next time?