

## Sample Topics



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### SAMPLE TOPICS

- Failed Diplomacy: Munich Agreement of 1938
- Lincoln Douglas Debates: Precursor to War
- Civil Rights Debated: Brown v. Board of Education
- Debated Diplomacy: The Cuban Missile Crisis
- Debated Instruments of Diplomacy: Wampum, Indian Peace Medals, and Treaties
- Music Debated: The Buckley Report
- Health v. Profits: The Pure Food and Drug Act Debated
- Segregation Debated and Changed: Little Rock Nine or the Ruby Bridges Story
- *Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock* (1903): Debated Rights
- A Diplomatic End for Whom? The Six Day War
- Anna Howard Shaw Speaks Out: Women's Rights Debated
- Debated Interest: Federal Reserve Act
- Diplomacy Refused: The 1953 American-Led Coup in Iran
- The Black Hills, Mount Rushmore and American Indians: Debated Land
- The Lost Battalion: Diplomacy at Versailles
- Nature v. Nurture: Child Rearing Debated
- Dayton Peace Accords: A Diplomatic Balance
- Ping Pong Diplomacy: Nixon's 1972 Visit to China
- *Kill the Indian and Save the Man*: The Impact of Indian Boarding Schools: Debated Philosophies
- The Iran Hostage Crisis: When Diplomacy Fails
- Censorship of Lyrics: Giuseppe Verdi's Opera
- Civil Rights Act 1964: Congressional Debate
- The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934: Debated New Deal for Native Americans
- Yalta: Reshaping the World through Diplomacy
- Food Processing Debated: The Jungle
- Clayton Antitrust Act: Debating Monopolies
- Dropping the Bomb: Moral Debate
- Pakistan and Israeli Conflict of 1968: Failed Diplomacy
- Poll Tax, Literacy Test, Grandfather Clause: Suffrage Debates
- Irish, Italians, Chinese: Debated Citizenship
- Gender Debated: Who should learn what and how much?
- Hepburn Act: Railroad Rates Debated
- Federal Trade Commission: Fair Business Trade Debated
- Equal Right Amendment, Equal Employment Opportunity Act or Title IX of Educational Amendment Act: Equality Debated
- Women's Fashion Debated in the Gilded Age: Broadening Boundaries—Shrinking limitations
- Diplomacy as a Postponement to the Inevitable: The Constitutional Convention and the question of slavery
- Ben Franklin's Diplomatic Mission to England: Failed diplomacy/successful revolution
- Independence Debated: Consequences for the Colonies
- Debated Currency: Battle Between Silver and Gold Standards (1896)
- Geneva Convention: Successful and Sustained Diplomacy
- Diplomacy after Conflict: Northern Ireland and England
- Failed Debate: President Woodrow Wilson and The League of Nations
- Fish-ins for Salmon: Debated Treaty Promises, Indians, and Fishing Rights in the Northwest

## Suggested Teaching Idea: Debate and Diplomacy Semantic Map

### Debate and Diplomacy in History Worksheet

**For the Teacher:** In the diagram below, demonstrate to students how to expand a topic and explore successes, failures and consequences, using The Constitutional Convention and The Yalta Conference as examples.

Next, ask pairs of students to select two or three topics on the sample topic list on page 10. Working together, students conduct preliminary research and complete the form by adding information about the topics that were selected. Finally, the students present the topics they researched and what was discovered.

	TOPIC	SUCCESSSES	FAILURES	CONSEQUENCES
DEBATE	Constitutional Convention 1787	The Constitutional Convention succeeded in continuous unity of the nation	The Constitutional Convention ignored the slavery question	Civil War
DIPLOMACY	Yalta Conference	Yalta Conference succeeded in bringing the U.S., England and Russia into diplomatic dialogue	U.S. and Britain compromised too much resulting in the establishment of the Eastern Block	Spread of Communism