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FROM LEADER TO LEADERSHIP IN HISTORY

If your History Day topic is a person, you will need to think about how you are going to focus your topic on an event or issue where that person showed leadership. Moving from a timeline of this person's entire life, use the steps below to figure out the **focus** of your project and the **historical context** that influenced it.

Step 1: Topic

Create a timeline of your leader. List major events related to this person.



Step 2: Focus

You need to focus your topic—since you cannot and should not talk about EVERYTHING that happened in a person's life in our History Day project. Use a highlighter to **draw the beam of the flashlight**. "Shine the light" on a specific part of the timeline that is important or interests you. This is the part of the topic on which you will FOCUS your project.



Step 3: Context

Other than your topic, what else was going on in history at the same time as your focused topic that may have been influential?

People

Ideas

Events