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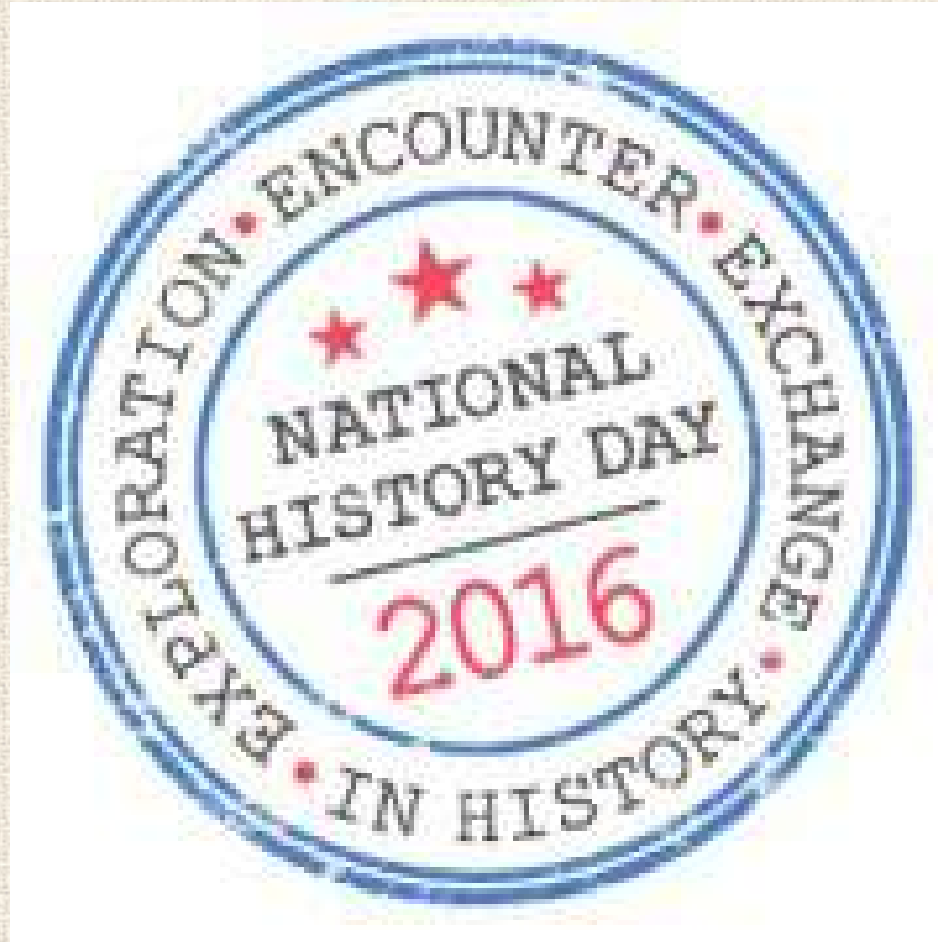
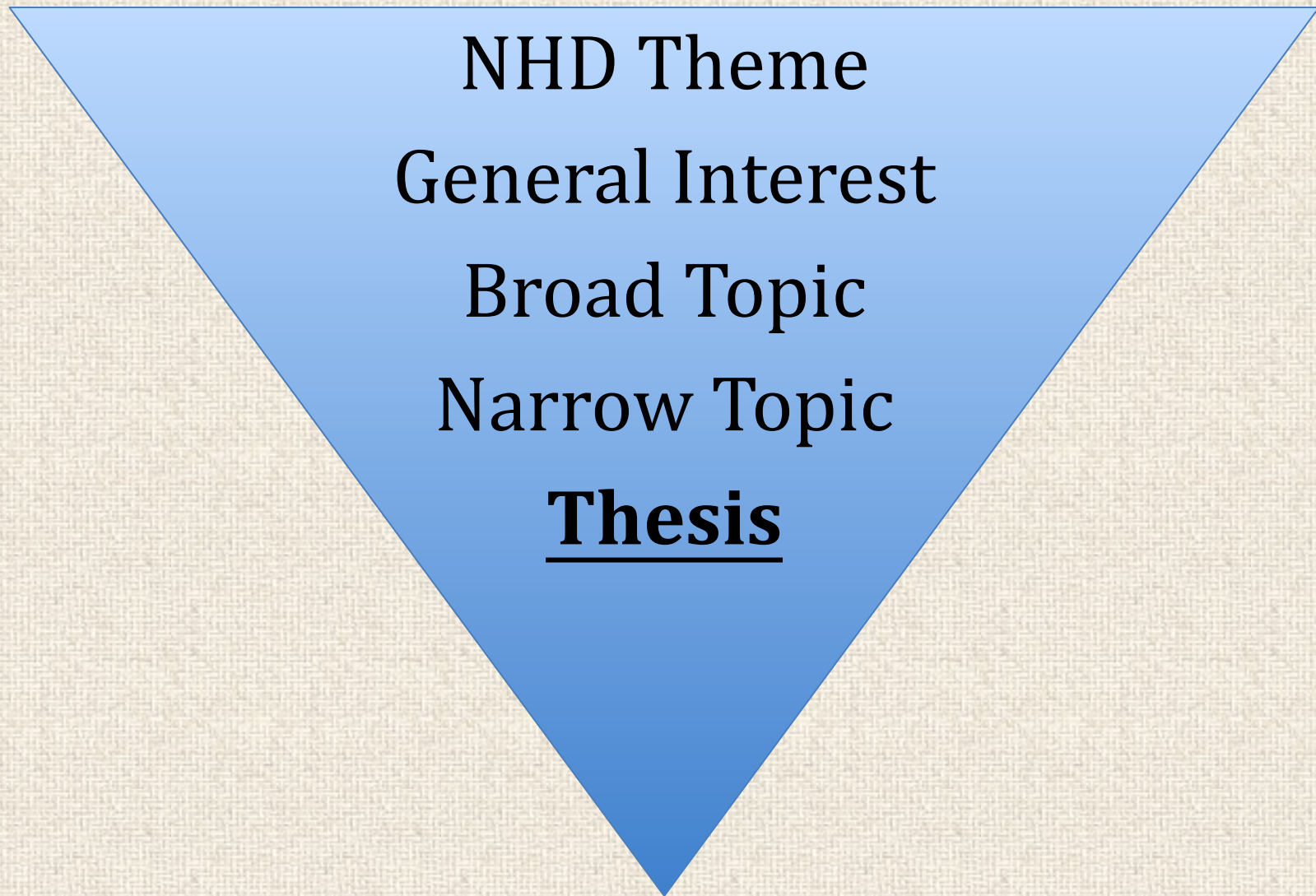
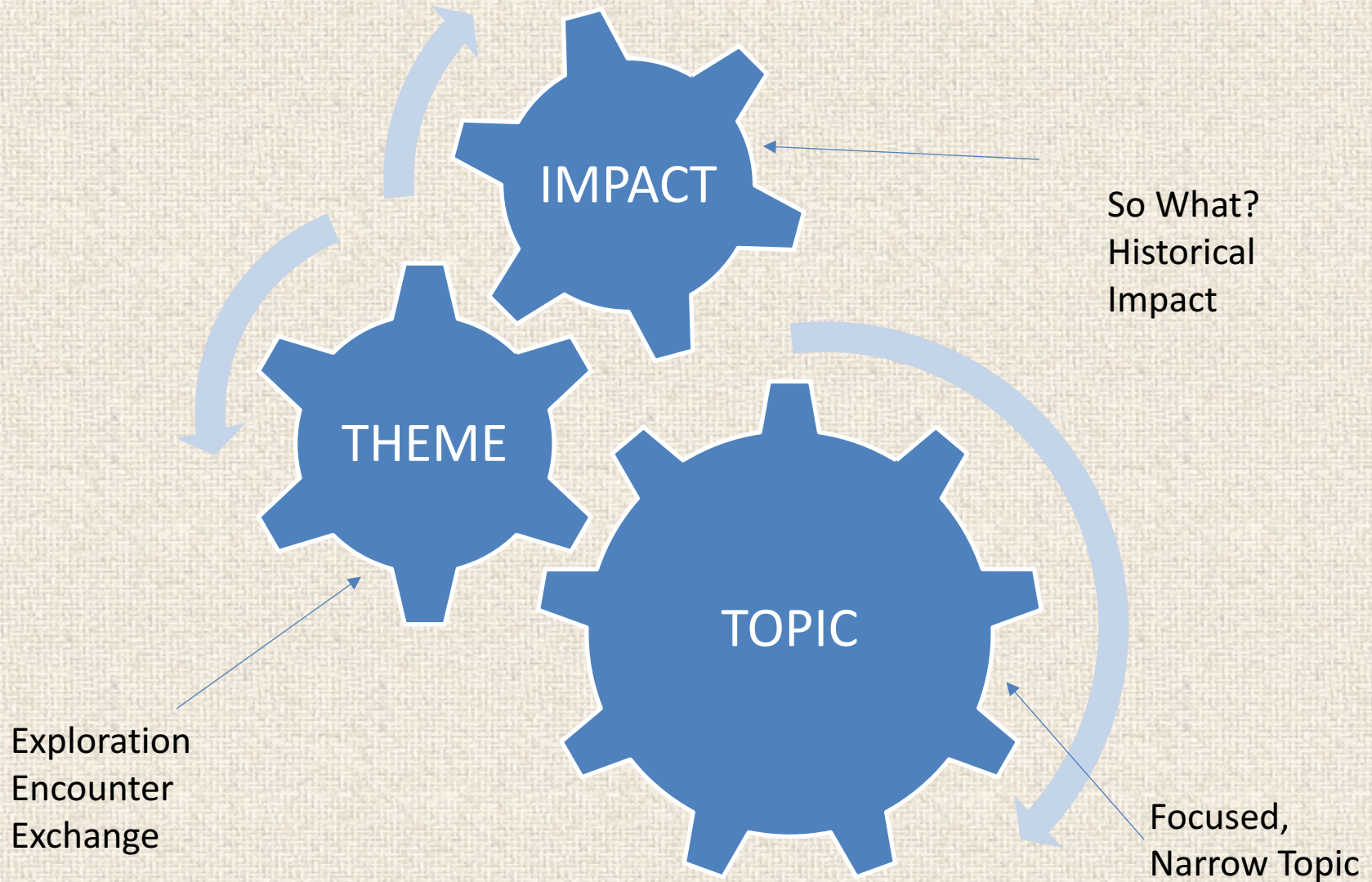


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Topic Pyramid: Narrowing Your Focus



3 Parts of a Good Thesis:



Thesis Statements: Project Roadmap

Develop a 1-2 sentence **thesis statement** that will structure your project:

- ★ Thesis statements tie the research threads together
 - ★ Answer “So what?”
 - ★ Address NHD theme
 - ★ Direct rest of project and interpretation

Skills Test:

Which of these 3 statements is a strong thesis statement?

1. Before Title IX, there were few female basketball players.
2. German immigrants in Chicago had enormous difficulties during WW1 as they were forced to choose between being “German and an enemy” or forsaking Germany to be “American.”
3. Pesticides kill thousands of farmworkers and must be stopped.

Your Turn:

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20th Century Space Race

NASA's First Missions

Project Mercury

America's 1st Astronauts

Thesis

The Mercury Seven: America's First Astronauts & the Space Race



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