

When it came time to choose a topic for my NHD project, the I was wanted to pick something that I could easily find a lot of information on. Having struggled with obscure topics in the past, they I that having access to a wealth of research materials was key. Fortunately, I have done a lot of research on the civil rights movement in the past and felt confident about finding a lot of information on this topic. After some initial research, I decided to focus on the civil rights act, which seemed to be one of the most pivotal moments in the civil rights movement.

To begin their research, I first investigated the events leading up to the civil rights act and how it affected African Americans. I did some initial research at a local branch of the HCLS, but quickly moved on to online resources like the Internet Archive, Library of Congress, and various government agencies to find first-hand accounts from those who were impacted by the civil rights act. I also looked for articles that could provide additional context and perspective with the help of the librarian. To find secondary sources online I used search engines like Google Scholar and citation lists from sites like Britannica and Wikipedia.

For my project presentation, I want to create a website. I feel that this was a good choice for several reasons. First, I have many pre-existing skills in web development and design and am confident that I can create a polished and professional-looking site. Second, I felt that having a school-related project in my portfolio would be a valuable addition when it came time to start job hunting. My plan is to create a home page with some overview information, as well as a separate page for each prong of the civil rights act. I also plan to include a page for citations to give proper credit to all my sources.

The focus of my project is on how the lives of African Americans improved as a result of the civil rights act. This was a frontier in history, as it was the first time that there were federal laws prohibiting unequal applications of voting laws and banning discrimination based on race. By examining first-hand accounts and other sources, I hope to gain a deeper understanding of the impact that the civil rights act had on the lives of African Americans.