Taking a Stand in History
2017 NHD Theme
Tennessee History Topics

Civil Rights/Race Relations
- Freedmen's Bureau in Tennessee: Taking a Stand in Civil Rights
- The Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee: Taking a Stand in Civil Rights
- Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial University’s Freedom Riders
- The Clinton Twelve: Desegregating Tennessee’s Schools
- Myles Horton and the Highlander School
- The Memphis Massacre of 1866
- The Knoxville Riot of 1919
- The Ku Klux Klan
- The Fort Pillow Massacre of 1864
- Memphis Sanitation Strike
- Tent City: The Civil Rights Struggle in Fayette County, Tennessee
- The Nashville Sit-Ins
- Columbia Race Riot of 1946
- Manumission Society of Tennessee and the Anti-Slavery Reform Movement

Education
- The General Education Bill of 1909 in Tennessee: Establishing “Normal” Training for Teachers
- The Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee: Taking a Stand in Education
- The Scopes Trial
- Fletcher Dresslar, George Peabody College for Teachers, and Rural School Reform
- Settlement Schools in Tennessee
- Kelly v. Board of Education: The Desegregation of Nashville Schools
- Peabody Education Fund: Teacher Training Schools in Tennessee

Entertainment/The Arts/Culture
- Minnie Pearl: The Invention and Marketing of an Image
- Dolly Parton: The Invention and Marketing of an Image
- The Ryman Auditorium: Taking a Stand in Historic Preservation
- The Ryman: From Tabernacle to Auditorium
- See Rock City: Tourism in Southeast Tennessee
- From Front Porch to the Recording Studio: The Carter Family
- The Bristol Sessions: The Birthplace of County Music
- The Bristol Sessions: Turning Music into a Commodity
- Sun Record Company: Where Rock and Roll was Born
- WSM: Radio and the Marketing of Southern Traditional Music
- Elvis Presley: Hips that Shook Music
- Moonshine: The Fuel of NASCAR

Environment
- Reelfoot Lake: The New Madrid Earthquakes of 1811-1812
- Reelfoot Lake: When the Mississippi River Turned on Itself
- Reelfoot Lake: The Night Riders of 1908
- Halting Progress or Preserving Nature?: The Snail Darter and the Endangered Species Act
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Yellow Fever Epidemic in Memphis
- Strip Mining and Mountain Top Removal
- Jim Thompson: Knoxville Photographer and the Creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Infrastructure
- Cumberland Homesteads: New Deal Subsistence Community
- The Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933: The New Deal in Tennessee
- The Army Corps of Engineers: Public Works in Tennessee

Military
- Alvin C. York
- Creating the Volunteers: Tennesseans in the War of 1812
- The Tennessee Maneuvers: Turning Middle Tennessee into Germany
- Camp Crossville: German and Italian Prisoners of War on the Cumberland Plateau
- The Chattanooga Campaign: The Union Wins Tennessee
- John Sevier and the Battle of Kings Mountain

Native Americans
- Revolutionary War
- Fort Mims and the Creek War
- Nickajack Expedition: Conflict in the Cumberland Settlements
- Dragging Canoe and Chickamauga: The Treaty of Sycamore Shoals
- Indian Removal Act of 1830
- Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga
- The Treaty of New Echota: Taking a Stand in Native America-Anglo Relations
- Attakullakulla, the Overhill Cherokees, and Colonial Governments
- Fort Loudon

Politics and Reform Movements
- Tennessee’s War of the Roses: Robert Love Taylor and Alfred A. Taylor
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The Gorgeous Hussy: Andrew Jackson and the Defense of Peggy Eaton  
The Greenville Convention of 1861: Unionist Trapped in a Secessionist State  
The Dangerous State of Franklin  
The Trail of Tears  
Andrew Johnson: Reconstruction in Tennessee  
Succeeding from the Confederacy: Unionist Sympathies in East Tennessee  
Elihu Embree, the Emancipator, and Abolition in Tennessee  
Andrew Johnson and Emancipation in Tennessee  
Prison Reform in Tennessee  
Postmaster General Cave Johnson and Postal Reform  
Lide Smith Meriwether and W.C.T.U.  
William Carroll and Prison Reform  
The Election of 1844 and the Mexican-American War  
The Election of 1844: Westward Expansion  
President James K. Polk, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildalgo, and the Coming of the Civil War  
Coal Creek War  
The Elizabethton Textile Mill Strike  
The Harriman Hosiery Mills Strike  
The Perfect 36: Votes for Women  
Protestants and the Fight for Temperance: Founding of the American Temperance Society  
Andrew Jackson's Stand Against the Bank

Preservation

The Ladies' Hermitage Association: Taking a Stand in Historic Preservation  
The Works Progress Administration and Fort Negley  
Protecting the Environment: The Establishment of the National Park Service

Religion

Camp Meetings  
Cumberland Presbyterians  
William Jennings Bryan: Standing Against Evolution

Transportation

The Dixie Highway System: The National Auto Trail System  
The Memphis-Nashville-Bristol Highway: Tennessee's First State Road  
The Avery Trace: The Road to Nashville  
The Steamboat Age in Tennessee  
The Trace: Nashville to Natchez  
R.H. Boyd and Union Transport Company

Research

The Manhattan Project: “The Public in the Dark”

People

Andrew Jackson  
Nancy Ward  
James K. Polk  
Sequoyah  
Morris Frank  
David Crockett: “You Can All Go to Hell; I’m Going to Texas”  
Sam Houston  
Cordell Hull  
Admiral David Farragut  
Commander William R. Anderson and the USS Nautilus  
Charles S. Johnson  
Kelly Miller Smith  
James Lawson  
Z. Alexander Looby  
Diane Nash  
Cornelia Fort – One of the first female aviators of World War II  
Roy Acuff – baseball player turned fiddler/Grand Ole Opry  
Richard Boyd – Former slave who started the National Baptist Publishing Board  
Parson Brownlow – Tennessee Unionist and Governor of the state  
Hattie Caraway – First woman elected to the US Senate  
Robert Church – Born a slave and became South’s first African American millionaire (Memphis)  
Mayor E.W. Crump of Memphis – Powerful political machine boss  
James Davis (Overton Co.) – first American to die in Vietnam War  
Sam Davis – Boy Hero of the Confederacy  
Anne Dudley – Prominent suffragette in Nashville  
Morris Frank – First seeing blind eye dog school  
W.C. Handy - King of the Blues  
Casey Jones – Railroad engineer (Jackson, TN)  
Vice Admiral William Lawrence – POW in North Vietnam  
Jack Massey – Business owner – Kentucky Fried Chicken  
Matthew Fontaine Maury – Oceanographer and explorer in 1800’s  
Samuel McElwee – Important African American Tennessee legislator during Reconstruction Era
Grace Moore – The Tennessee Nightingale - world famous opera star from Jellico, TN
Mary Murfree – (Murfreesboro) Female author in 1800’s who wrote under male pseudonym Charles Egbert Craddock
James Napier – African American civil rights advocate in late 1800’s who went on to work in the federal government
Austin Peay – Reforming Tennessee Governor
Chief John Ross – Cherokee Leader During Trail of Tears
Carl Rowan – pioneering African American journalist
Wilma Rudolph – Prominent female and African American athlete
Clarence Sanders – Founder of Piggly Wiggly
Bessie Smith – Empress of the Blues
Pat Summit – Great female head coach – Lady Vols
Perry Wallace – Pioneering African American college athlete
Ida Wells Barnett – Critic of lynching and early civil rights advocate
Thomas Sharp Spencer (Bigfoot Spencer)
Timothy Demonbreun – French trapper, Tennessee pioneer and Revolutionary War officer

Events
Scopes Trial
TVA Act
Manhattan Project
Tennessee Secession
Nineteenth Amendment Ratification
Creek War
The Indian Removal Act of 1830: The Trail of Tears
Battle of King’s Mountain
Hernando de Soto Expedition

Utopia
Thomas Hughes and Ruby, Tennessee
Myles Horton and the Highlander Center
Frances Wright and Nashoba, Tennessee