Thesis Statement

Directions: You are in the process of creating your History Day thesis statement. This is the “roadmap” for your project. It explains the point you are trying to make about your topic by answering the question, “so what?” It should only be 3 or 4 sentences and approximately 60-75 words. Please be sure to include:
1) Who, what, when and where
2) A statement about how your topic represents Taking a Stand. What did/does he/she/they/it stand up for or against?
3) The lasting impact of your topic’s stand. Remember, the impact does not necessarily have to continue today; you may choose to discuss a long-term impact/legacy that is not contemporary.

STEP 1: WRITE YOUR THESIS - Draft

STEP 2: PEER EDIT
Once you have finished your thesis, exchange it with someone else. Try to identify the main components. If you are unable, it is clear that the writer should revise their statement to include the missing pieces.

• Who: __________________________________________________________________________________
• What: _________________________________________________________________________________
• Where: _______________________________________________________________________________
• When: _________________________________________________________________________________

• What did this topic do to Take a Stand? What was his/her/their/its stand?

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• How did/does this topic have a lasting impact or legacy? What is the historical significance?

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• Identify the “point” of this person’s thesis statement. What are they going to prove?

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STEP 3: REWRITE YOUR THESIS - Final
If anything is missing, please add it by rewriting your thesis below.