**History Skillbui**l**der: Making Relevant Connections**

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| Identify General topic, then specific trend/idea | *Reaction to war**Debate over taxes**Civil rights**Changes in parties**Federal/state power**Constitutional issue**New values* | ECONOMICPOLITICALLEGALSOCIAL-CULTURALFOREIGNGOVERNMENTCITIZENS | *Immigration**Regulations**Diplomacy**Boom and bust**Race/class conflict**Corruption**Checks & balances* |
| Read, Review, Research | 5.  |
| Tie it all together in a meaningful way | Examples of questions to consider: |
| Show your work(see back) | 1.2. 3.  |
| Finding your own Current Events | Search terms* Go beyond General term (“Imperialism”) and search for the Specific trend/idea (“U.S. intervention Middle East”)
* Ask about how far you can go back, it may depend on topic

News Articles* Read further down article and see links at side/bottom for background
* Choose a news source that isn’t over your head

Reliability* Wikipedia: look for Red Warnings, see Sources at bottom
* Op-Ed Columns and Blogs – don’t use unless published on a reliable news source, still opinion so look for strong supporting facts
* Check multiple sources for a more balanced account
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**Making Relevant Connections Writing Outline**

#1 - Explain the relevant connection (refer to General Topic and Specific Trend/Idea)

#3 – Tie it all together in a meaningful way. Elaborate on the greater historical significance and/or relevance to current events.

#2b - Support the connection with specific example(s) from Case B

#2a - Support the connection with specific example(s) from Case A