**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* | ECONOMIC  POLITICAL  LEGAL  SOCIAL-CULTURAL  FOREIGN  GOVERNMENT  CITIZENS | *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 | | |

**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