Context means understanding what else was happening during the time period you are investigating. Other events going on in the world around the people, events or places that you are studying likely had a strong impact on your topic.

Topic: ____________________________________________

Date(s) of topic: ______________________________________

Who were the presidents of the United States during this time? ______________________________________

What wars took place or most recently ended during this time? ______________________________________

What other conflicts were occurring internationally? How did they affect the United States?

What was the most important domestic issue facing the United States at the time?

List three other topics that were making local, state and/or national headlines?

1. ______________________________________

2. ______________________________________

3. ______________________________________

What different kinds of jobs did most workers have?

What were the largest companies in the United States at the time? What did they manufacture?

What issues impacted the people involved in your topic the most? How? Why?