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: ____________________________________________________________________

What international conflicts were happening at the time?

What were the most powerful nations or empires during the time of your topic?

Name three other topics which made, or would have made, headlines during that time:

1. ________________________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________________________

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

What were the biggest challenges to the people involved with your topic? How did they overcome those challenges?

Put yourself in their shoes: What do you know now that would have been most helpful to the people involved in your topic?