**Museum Project Topic Ideas**

## **General Topics for all three time periods:**

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| Art and the War  Civilians and the War  Demobilization  Economic Issues  Espionage  Gender and the War  Hygiene and Medical Issues  Empire and the War  Literature and the War  Military and Naval Operations  Race and the War | Religion  Relief Efforts / Refugees  Remembering the War  Revolution and Independence  Peace and Reconstruction  Politics and Diplomacy  Propaganda  Soldiers' War  Women and the War |

**World War One Topics**

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| **CAUSES OF WWI**  Alliance System  Assassination in Sarajevo  Sinking of the Lusitania  Zimmerman Telegram    **WEAPONS**  Anti-submarine weapons  Rifles and Pistols  Machine guns  Armored vehicles  Artillery  Tanks  Poison Gas  Bayonet  Smokeless gunpowder  Flame-throwers  Hand grenade    **INTELLIGENCE/ESPIONAGE**  MI5 - British Intelligence  Abwehr -German intelligence  Walther Nicolai – Abwehr Director  Vernon Kell - Chief of MI5  Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I  **WAR AT SEA**  Royal Navy  German Navy  French Navy  American Navy  Battle & Scout cruisers  Battleships  Destroyers  Torpedo Boats  Troop Ships    **TACTICS**  Schlieffen Plan  Plan 17  Creeping Barrage  Infantry tactics  Machine gun pill boxes  Gas attacks  Snipers  Cavalry  Plan 19  Tunneling  Fortresses  Infiltration  Parachutes  **HOMEFRONTS**  Great Britain  USA  France  Germany  Music  Art  Propaganda  Antiwar arguments  Mobilization  Influenza Pandemic  Espionage Act 1917  Sedition Amendment 1918  Selective Service System  **COMMUNICATIONS**  Field Communications  Letters from home  Telegraph  Morse Code  Telephones  Radio  Communication Trenches    **PEACE**  Wilson's 19 Point Plan  Armistice 1918  Paris Peace Conference  Treaty of Versailles  League of Nations  **UNIFORMS OF WW I**  British  American  French  German  Russian  **WOMEN DURING THE WAR**  WW I Signal Corps Women  Reconstruction Aides (Physical and Occupational Therapists)  WW I Women Marines  Women's Royal Navy Service  Women on the Medical Front  First Aid Nursing Yeomanry  Women's Hospital Corps  Women's Royal Airforce  Voluntary Aid Detachments | **MAJOR BATTLES**  Mons - August 1914  Tannenberg - August 1914  Ardennes - August 1914  Heligoland August- 1914  1st Marne - Sept 1914  Arras & Vimy Ridge - Oct 1914  Ypres - Oct/Nov 1914  Falklands - Nov 1914  Gallipoli Campaign March 1915 - January 1916  Verdun - Feb/Dec 1916  Dardanelles - June 1915  Jutland - May 1916  Somme - July/Nov 1916  Gorizia - August 1916  Passchendaele  July/Nov 1917  Cambrai - November 1917  Aisne - May 1918  Cantigny - May 1918  Chateau-Thierry  May/June 1918  Belleau Wood - June 1918  2nd Marne - July/Sept 1918  Amiens - Aug 1918  St. Mihiel - Sept 1918  Meuse-Argonne - Sept-Nov 1918  **WAR MEDICINE**  Diseases  Field Hospitals  Red Cross  Surgeries/Amputations  "Shell Shock"  Stretcher-bearers  Casualty Clearing Stations (trenches)  **PRISONERS OF WAR**  - Life as a POW  - Allied POW Camps  - Central Powers POW Camps    **LIFE IN THE TRENCHES**  Western Front Warfare  No Man's Land  Diseases  Shell-fire  Food  Living conditions  Entertainment  Listening posts  Runners  Barbed wire  Signalers  **MILITARY DECORATIONS**  Distinguished Flying Cross  Legion d' Honneur  Medal of Honor  Military Cross  Croix de Guerre  Distinguished Service Cross  Iron Cross  **WAR HEROES**  Sgt. Alvin York  Bradford Brothers  - T.A. Bradford  - G.N Bradford  - J. B. Bradford  - R. B. Bradford  Noel Godfrey Chavasse  Sidney Godley  Charles Jarvis  George Wyatt  John Fuller  Edward 'Mick' Mannock  Walter Tull  John Gort  Theodore Wright  Francis Grenfell  Frederick Holmes  Ross Tollerton  John Cornwell  John Bent  George Vaughn  William Avery "Billy" Bishop  T. E. Lawrence  Sgt. James F. Carty  Pvt. Harold F. Proctor  Major Charles Whittlesey  Sir Arthur Currie  RMS Titanic  Cost of World War One  Art, poetry, photography and music  Propaganda  Influenza Epidemic |

**People of World War One**

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| ***ALLIED POWERS***  **Political leaders:**  Woodrow Wilson  Nicholas II  David Lloyd George  Georges Clemenceau  Winston Churchill  William Jennings Bryan  Newton Baker  George Creel  Herbert Hoover  William Gibbs McAdoo  Henry Cabot Lodge  Vittorio Orlando    **Military leaders:**  Sir Edmund Allenby  Sir William Birdwood  Alexi Brusilov  Eddie Rickenbacker  Sir Julian Byng  Sir Arthur Currie  Luigi Cadorna  Edouard de Castlenau  Auguste Dubail  Faisal ibn Ali  Ferdinand Foch  Sir John French  Joseph Gallieni  Sir Hubert Gough  Sir Douglas Haig  Sir Ian Hamilton  Joseph Joffre  Lord Kitchner  T.E. Lawrence  Frederick Maurice  Henry Mitchell  John Monash  Robert Nivelle  John J. Pershing  Henri-Philippe Petain  Leonard Wood  Sir Herbert Plumer  Alexander Samsonov  Jan Christian Smuts  Sir Henry Rawlinson  Paul von Rennenkampf  Christopher Thompson  Sir Hugh Trenchard  **INVENTORS**  Hiram Maxim  Gottlieb Daimler  Anton Fokker  Peter Paul Mauser  Ernst Heinkel  Guglielmo Marconi  Alfred Nobel  Ernst Swinton  Roland Garros  Paul Vielle  John Moses Browning  Otto Hahn  Hugo Junkers  Robert Whitehead    **WOMEN**  Maria Bochkareva  Violet Douglas-Pennant  Katherine Furse  Helen Gwynne- Vaughan  Dorothy Lawrence    **WAR IN THE AIR**  Aircraft (in general)  Zeppelins (in general)  Zeppelins & air raids  Air Balloons  Flying Circus  Parachutes  Dogfighting  Bombing raids on Britain  Pusher Aircraft | ***CENTRAL POWERS***  **Political leaders:**  Otto von Bismarck  Kaiser William II  Arthur Zimmerman    **Military leaders:**  Alfred von Schlieffen  Paul von Hindenburg  Prince Wilhelm  Alfred von Tirpitz  Liman von Sanders  Helmuth von Moltke  Erich Ludendorff  Maximilian von Spee  Prince Rupprecht  Manfred von Richthofen    **CENTRAL POWERS SPIES**  Simon Emil Koedel  (American spy for the Germans)  Mata Hari  Wilhelm Wassmuss  Otto Herman Voss  Julius (Or Jules) Silber  Elsbeth Schragmuller  Franz von Papen  Walther Nicolai  Karl Hans Lody ( AKA: Charles A. Inglis)  Reinhard Gehlen  Karl Gustav Ernst    **ALLIED SPIES**  David Bloch (AKA: Karl Sprecher)  Basil Thomson  John Buchan  John Wallinger  Somerset Maugham  Sidney Reilly  Alexander Szek  Marthe Richer (AKA: "Alouette")  Double Agent  Edward Montague Compton Mackenzie  Charles Lucieto  Vernon Kell (Director of MI5)  William Reginald Hall (AKA: Blinker)  Elizebeth Smith Friedman and William Frederick Friedman (American Cryptologists)  Mansfield George Smith Cumming  Edith Louisa Cavell  Louise De Bettignies (AKA: Alice Dubois)  **WOMEN: Doctors & Nurses**  Mary Borden  May Wedderbum Cannan  Helen Fairchild  Cicely Hamilton  Eveline Haverfield  Elsie Inglis  Mabel Stobart  Emmeline Pankhurst  Edith Cavell    **Women & the Homefront**  Margaret Haig Thomas  Mary Macarthur  Margaret Bondfield  Chrystal Macmillan  Margaret Damer Dawson  Carrie Chapman Catt  Alice Paul    **Airforces**  - Royal Flying Corps  - Luftwaffe  Super Aces  Manfred von Richthofen  Eddie Rickenbacker  William Avery  Billy Bishop |

**World War Two Topics**

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| Battle of the Coral Sea  Omar Bradley  Dwight David Eisenhower  Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor  Battle of the Bulge  Lend Lease Act  Japanese Internment  Auschwitz  Battle of Britain  Atomic Bomb  General George Patton  Benito Mussolini  Battle of Midway  Invasion of Normandy (D-Day)  The Causes of World War II  Erwin Rommel  Prime Minister Winston Churchill  President Franklin Delano Roosevelt  Bernard Montgomery  General Douglas MacArthur  Concentration Camps  The Holocaust  Adolf Hitler  The War in the Pacific  Military weaponry in WWII  Rationing in WWII  Joseph Stalin  Submarine Warfare  Dachau  Luftwaffe  US Manhattan Project  Heinrich Himmler  The Nuremberg Trials  Gestapo  Charles DeGaulle  Anne Frank  Battle of El Alamein  Bataan Death March  Kiev is Liberated  Cairo Declaration  D-Day  Liberation of Paris  US Troops land in Philippines  Soviets Encircle Berlin  Suicide of Hitler  Germany Surrenders  Atom Bomb tested  US Drops Atomic Bomb  Soviets Declare War on Japan  Japan Surrenders  GI Bill  Internment Camps  The Final Solution  The SS: Schutzstaffe  Executive Order 9066 and the Japanese  Non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust  Warsaw Ghetto and the Polish Uprising  Resistance Movement  Hitler Youth  Submarines  Surviving an attack  Technology  Toys  Troop logistics  TV technology  Views on freedom  War crime trials  Weather  Women in warfare  Women's work at home  Love letters  Motorcycles  Nationalist Socialist Movement in America  New products  New words  Nutrition  Occupations  Penicillin and other medicine  POW camps after the war  Prisoners of War  Propaganda  Radar  Resistance movements  Rockets  Ship-building achievements  Spies  Katyn Forest Massacre  MacArthur, Douglas  Nazi Propaganda  Nimitz, Chester  Nuremberg Trials  Oppenheimer, J. Robert  Other Victims of the Holocaust  Patton, George S.  Rickover, Hyman  Rommel, Erwin  Rosie the Riveter  Russian Front  Wallenberg, Raoul | Battle of Stalingrad  Battle of Midway  Erwin Rommel  Battle of Guadalcanal  Richard Ira Bong  Battle of the Bulge  Robert Oppenheimer  Battle of Iwo Jima  Audie Murphy  Battle of Okinawa  Lt. Col. John Malcolm Thorpe  Fleming Churchill, or “Mad Jack” Groups  Douglas Bader  Navajo Code Talkers  Juan Pajota  Tuskegee Airmen  Lydia Litvyak  Spies of WWII  Tommy Prince  Kamikaze Corps  WACS, WAVES, SPARS  Hitler Youth  Sinking of the Bismarck  Evian Conference  Japanese Internment Camps  Kindertransport  USS Indianapolis  Oskar Schindler  Potsdam Conference  Jewish Partisans/Resistance Fighters  Japan invades China (Beginning of WW2 in Asia)  Germany Declares Austria part of the Reich  Munich Agreement  Kristallnacht  UK pledges support for Polish Independence  Germany and Soviet Non-Aggression pact  Germany Invades Poland  US Lifts Aid Embargo  Germany claims territory  Italy Enters War  Soviet Union Occupies the Baltic States  US institutes Peacetime Draft  Italy Attacks Greece  Battle of Britain  Germany invades Soviet Union  Pearl Harbor  Thousand Bomber Raid  Battle of Midway  Battle of El Alamein  Allied powers invade North Africa  Germans surrender at Stalingrad  Axis forces in Tunisia surrender  Allied Invasion of Sicily  Mussolini is Deposed  Italy Surrenders  Invasion of Salerno  Advertising  African Americans and rights  America's entry into the war  Art  Bridges and roads  Clandestine operations  Clothing  Communication  Destruction of cities  Domestic violence  Families  Fashion  Food preservation  Food rationing  Jet engine technology  Allied Occupation of Germany  Allied Occupation of Japan  Appeasement of Hitler  Atlantic Wall  Auschwitz  Babi Yar  Battle of Britain  Battle of Stalingrad  Battle of the Bulge  Blitzkrieg  Bush, Vannevar  Children in the Holocaust  Church and the Holocaust  Dachau  German Resistance to Hitler  Gestapo  Goebbels, Joseph  Halsey, William  Hibakusha (Atomic Bomb Survivors)  Hiroshima and Nagasaki  Holocaust Reparations  Holocaust Rescuers  Holocaust Survivors  Japanese-American Internment  Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust  Stalin, Joseph  Tuskegee Airmen |

**Interwar Years**

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| Japanese invasion of Manchuria  Hitler Becomes German Chancellor  Italy Invades Ethiopia  Axis Powers are Established  1936 Berlin Olympics  Great Depression  Weimar Republic  Washington Naval Talks  France occupies the Ruhr  Dawes Plan  Lacarno Pact  Kellogg-Briand Pact  Young Plan  Japan invades Manchuria  Abyssinia Crisis  Stock Market Crash  Ireland Gains Independence from England  United Kingdom Grants Independence to Egypt  Mussolini Rises to Power in Italy  End of Russian Civil War  German Annexation of Austria | League of Nations  Guernica Bombing & Spanish Civil War  Lenin Dies  March 1st movement  Battle of Chinshanli  The Communist Party of China (CPC) is founded  Kanto Earthquake  Japanese Exclusion Act  Occupation of the Rhineland  Annexation of Austria  Munich Conference  Seizure of Czechoslovakia  France/Poland Treaty  Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact  Spanish Civil War  War of Turkish Independence  Hitler Rises to Head of State in Germany  State-Sponsored Persecutions of Jews in Nazi Germany  Hitler Gains Tighter Control of Power  British-German Naval Agreement  Nuremberg Race Laws in Nazi Germany |