NHD Research Plan: 
Where and How to Find the Required Sources

**Topic:** (Write or paste your topic here.)

**Keywords:** (List all words that might help in your searches.)

**Public Library** (Name the sources you plan to investigate.)
- Virtual Library - Online Encyclopedias and Other Secondary Sources
- Virtual Library - Primary Sources:
  - Catalog - Books to reserve:
  - LinksPlus - Books to request from other libraries (if needed):

**Landmarks** (Name the places that might have good websites or experts to interview.)
- National Parks & Monuments:
  - State Parks:
  - Famous Historical Places:
**Regional Sources** (Name the resources near the places where your person was active.)

Public Libraries in Major Cities:

Local Historical Societies and Museums:

State Archives:

**Universities** (Name schools near landmarks or where authors of secondary sources teach or have published.)

**Library of Congress**
(Go to Library of Congress American Memory or use Google like this: site:loc.gov topic)

Many Images Available?

Articles?

**National Archives** (Especially good for famous documents)

Articles?

Documents?

**Chronicling America** (Search American newspapers between 1836-1922.)

Many Articles?

**Google Scholar** (Find articles and sometimes even digitized books.)

Can I do this topic?  Yes  No  Or is there another topic possible? ___________________________

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