**World History *Essential Standard* 1.1**

*Indentifying the Structure of a Historical Narrative or Story*

**Researching a Historical Narrative: Guiding Questions**

* What exactly happened?
* Why, when (year or period), and where did it happen?
* Were the surroundings urban (city) or rural (country)?
* What did the scene of the event look like?
* What details about the event are provided?
* What was happening at home (In the United States) and abroad (other places around the world)?
* What did people of that time and culture believe in?
* What were they concerned about?
* What was it like to be a wealthy person?
* What was it like to be a poor person?
* What kinds of jobs did people have?
* How did people dress?
* What did they eat?
* How were they entertained?
* What did they read?
* Could people read?
* How do you think you would have fit into that world?
* Would *you* have liked living then and there? Why or why not?

**Choosing Events and Characters: Guiding Questions**

* What individuals were actually involved in this historical event?
* In what way was each involved?
* What other types of people might have participated in or witnessed the event?
* Of all these people—real and fictional—who would have the most interesting perspective on the story?
* Which one would I most enjoy writing about?

**Analyzing Resources: Guiding Questions**

* What is the document? (poetry, newspaper article, story, biography, etc)
* Who wrote it? Why is the author writing the document?
* Where was it written?
* When was the document written? How close to the event?
* Who is the intended audience of the document?