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Describe your History Fair Topic. How/why did you choose your topic? Explain why your topic is important.

My national history fair project is about the Titanic. The person I'm doing is John Jacob Astor IV and he was the richest person on the Titanic. I chose this topic because I love learning more about the Titanic and when I saw it as an option then that's what I chose. Another reason I picked it is that I knew there would be a lot of information about people on the Titanic. This topic is important because it was a huge part of history and a tragic event.

Begin to explain where you found most of your research. If a person (librarian?) was very helpful, it is a good idea to mention them here. Also, mention two or three of your most useful sources here and why they were helpful to your project.

The first website that was helpful was

https://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/history-and-heritage/dutch_americans/john-jacob-astor-iv/

This website was helpful because it gives information on how he became rich and all of the jobs he worked.

The second website that helped was

https://www2.potsdam.edu/loucksap/genealogy/ps09/ps09_476.html

This website gives information about John and his home life and school.

The third website that helped was

<https://www.sunsigns.org/famousbirthdays/d/profile/john-jacob-astor-iv/>

This website is like both of my other websites I linked and it just has everything in order and how everything went on. It shows the dates and the people who were in his life at the time.

State how your topic fits into this year's Contest theme. Discuss the importance of your topic in history. Use this paragraph to stress to the judges why your topic is important.

The theme for this year's contest is Triumph and Tragedy, and my topic I am doing is about the Titanic and how the richest person on it died. This topic is important because thousands of people died, 1,503 to be exact. The Titanic sank on April 14th, 1912 and the whole cause of this was because the people controlling the ship hit an iceberg. I know a thousand people may not seem to be a large amount to some of you because there were so many horrible tragic events that happened which killed millions of people, but remember this was a ship that just sank, that had so many families and loved ones who basically died because of the cold water and drowning, also, keep in mind that the water was about 28 degrees Fahrenheit, and people had to swim in that cold water to try and save their lives. Imagine if that was you and many other loved ones who had to go through

all of that horrible event without being prepared. That would be sad considering you had to leave your family to save your own life