Social Studies Content Area: **History**

Understanding Historical Context

Directions: Select a historical topic that relates to a growth area you identified on the ETS Praxis Study Plan. Using the tables below, identify 3 major historical events that took place during the time of your selected topic.

***You will be identifying:***

1. Your selected topic
2. Details surrounding your topic (who/what/when/where/why)
3. The external historical events
4. Their historical significance
5. Possible ways in which this affected your selected topic.

***Example:***

**Topic:** The American Women’s Suffrage Movement

**Details:**

* Who: American Women
* What: Protest and petitioning for the right to vote
* When: 1848-1920 (Specifically examining the early 1900’s)
* Where: The United States
* Why: Lead to the passage of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote

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| **External Event 1: World War I** |
| Who/What/When/Where/Why | Historical Significance  | How this Affected My Topic |
| * US/European Forces
* Engaged in World War
* 1914-1918
* Europe/Asia
* World tensions lead to fighting
 | * First official world war
* Changed relations between US and many European/Asian countries
* First use of military tanks
* Development of trench warfare
 | * The US was at war while women were trying to get the right to vote back home
* Opposition to suffrage used this to make people think that these women were unpatriotic
* Women had to petition a war-time president, changed the public opinion of these women
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| **External Event 2:** |
| Who/What/When/Where/Why | Historical Significance | How this Affected My Topic |
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| **External Event 3:** |
| Who/What/When/Where/Why | Historical Significance | How this Effected My Topic |
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