

## Historical Development

1. Identify a unique historical setting that embodies in some way the issue that you've identified in your Statement of Problem and that you've brought the Scriptures to bear on in your Biblical Foundations section of your paper.

2. Note: this historical setting will most likely be post-biblical. In other words we're looking for a setting after the close of the biblical canon where the church had to respond to a historical situation. It may be that this situation originated within the church community, or it may have come from the larger culture. I'd steer away from contemporary situations (within the last 5-10 years) in order to allow enough time for historical reflection.

3. How did the church understand the challenge of their time? How did they respond to be faithful to God in their world? You may want to consider critiquing that response.

4. Summarize your takeaways from what you observe in this historical setting. You don't have to get into Theological Reflection yet – this will happen in the fourth section of the final paper, so at this point focus on what you observe from history. Work to answer the question, "What happened here?" rather than the question, "What does it mean?"

(This section of your paper will comprise probably around two pages, double spaced. See Turabian 7<sup>th</sup> edition for style guide.)