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Research Paper Thesis Statement

Prompt: A new edition of your United States History textbook is being published and a number of events since 1900 are being removed because they are not important enough. Why should your event be kept in the textbook?

Directions: Fill in the two or three boxes below for your chosen areas of focus (social, political, economic, cultural, environmental) with the information you've obtained from your research. The goal is not to include background information, but provide evidence that answers the prompt about the importance of the event.

<i>Topic:</i>
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<i>Area (optional):</i>

Thesis statement (be sure to include info from two or three completed boxes above):

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Sample: The Homestead Strike was an event important enough to remain in the new textbook because politically it was one of the most significant labor incidents where the federal government sided with management over labor, socially because it resulted in the virtual destruction of the steelworkers union for decades, and economically because steelworkers' wages remained low due to the lack of unionization.