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Person:

Who and where from
Beliefs
accomplishments/contributions
problems/critics

Place:

Location and purpose
Founding/Creation
Characteristics
Why significant?

Event:

What happened? Why? (causes)
Who was involved?
When (not necessarily a date, but in the chronology of events)
What was the impact/effect?
How did people react?

Law/Act/Document/Agreement:

Who wrote it and why? (causes)
Components/What did it say?
Purpose
Who did it affect?
How did it affect them? (effects)
What were people's responses? (effects)

War:

Who fought?
When (chronology)
Why did they fight? (causes)
What was the outcome? (effects)
How did it affect the people? (effects)
Why significant to unit of study? (effects)

Battles:

Which war?
Where did it happen? Why? (causes)
Who fought?
Who won?
Why is it significant to unit of study? (effects)

Term (anything else):

Identification/definition
What/who associated with
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