Connecticut History Day
2019 State Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: The Treason of Benedict Arnold: A Tale of Triumph and Tragedy
School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School
Student: Eileen Peng

Second Place: A Lasting Legacy: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893
School: Sedgwick Middle School
Student: Avery Bloom

Third Place: From Triumphant to Tragic with Due Process: The Takei Family and the Ordeal of Japanese-American Internment during World War Two
School: John F. Kennedy Middle School
Student: Brenton Coates

Category: Junior Group Documentary

First Place: NASA’s Inferno: A Tragedy That Led to the Moon
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School
Students: Valli Pendyala and Ria Saxena

Second Place: Vincent Van Gogh’s Art & His Mental State
School: Ponus Ridge Middle School
Students: Sandra Andronic, Mia Schlager, and Camila Chaves

Third Place: British Raid on Essex
School: Bristow Middle School
Students: Jack Lovejoy and Grant Walters

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: Marie Curie – Radiating the Future
School: Talcott Mountain Academy
Student: T.Y. Andrews
Second Place: Itzhak Perlman: Inspiring Ability  
School: Memorial Middle School  
Student: Aliza Creel

Third Place: The Dreamer Who Never Gave Up: The Nelson Mandela Story  
School: Talcott Mountain Academy  
Student: Anishka Perera

Category: Junior Group Website

First Place: John Brown: Triumphant Abolitionist and Tragic Traitor  
School: Hillcrest Middle School  
Students: Drew Butler and James Murano

Second Place: Ordinary Greeks, Extraordinary Measures: The Greek Resistance During the Holocaust  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Students: Felicia Famularo and Esme Alloppena

Third Place: Racism to Racing: From Being Judged to Being Loved  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Students: Bailey Fuerst and Bronwyn Mott

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First Place: Julius Rosenwald: The Invisible Guardian  
School: Sedgwick Middle School  
Student: Grace Wentland

Second Place: Evolution of Energy: Triumph Laced with Tragedy  
School: Sedgwick Middle School  
Student: Thatcher Slocum

Third Place: The Transcontinental Railroad: Tracks to a Costly Success  
School: Mansfield Middle School  
Student: Lila Gillon
Category: Junior Group Exhibit

First Place: Lise Meitner: A Woman’s Determination and Scientific Triumph Through Personal and Societal Tragedy
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Sharmila Green, Mallika Subramanian, Emma Losonczy, Lucia Wang, and Rhea Choudhury

Second Place: Sting of the WASPs: The Triumphs and Tragedies of Women Pilots During World War II
School: Memorial Middle School
Students: Julia Pellegrini and Isabella DeLeo

Third Place: The SS Pendleton Rescue
School: Bedford Middle School
Students: Isabelle Ormsby, Eleanor Vail, Janna Moore, and Cami Kolek

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place: Triumph Over Tragedy: Newsies Stop the World
School: Vernon Center Middle School
Student: Morgan Geisinger

Second Place: Escape from Auschwitz
School: Vernon Center Middle School
Student: Hayden Reel

Third Place: Over the Top: The Meuse-Argonne Offensive of 1918
School: Vernon Center Middle School
Student: Nicolas Angeli

Category: Junior Group Performance

First Place: “And On the Sidewalk They Found Death”: The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
School: Mansfield Middle School
Students: Julia Healey-Parera, Helena Hand, and Lauren Levine

Second Place: Paying a Price for Education
School: Montessori Magnet School
Third Place: A Mystery Unveiled – The 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic  
School: Roton Middle School  
Students: Laszlo Balazs and William Traub

Category: Junior Individual Performance

First Place: The Tragic and Triumphant “Tail” of Stubby, the Military Dog  
School: Sedgwick Middle School  
Student: Marlena Pegolo

Second Place: The Eugenic Roles: Dead Souls and Birth Controls  
School: Timothy Edwards Middle School  
Student: Iniya Raja

Third Place: The Tragedy of Typhoid Mary  
School: Sedgwick Middle School  
Student: Daphne Brewer
Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

First Place: Malaga Island: How the State of Maine Devastated a Resilient Island Community in the Name of the Greater Good
School: Wilbur Cross High School
Student: Margo Pedersen

Second Place: Shah Bano and India’s Postcolonial Predicament: Gender vs. Religion
School: Staples High School
Student: Ishan Prasad

Third Place: From Alien to Advocate: The Fred Korematsu Story
School: The Academy of Information Technology
Student: Elena Salm

Category: Senior Group Documentary

First Place: Living Dead: The Story of the Radium Girls
School: Wilton High School
Students: Sadie Kinnersley and Julia Sexton

Second Place: From Soldiers to Test Subjects: The Triumph and Tragedy of Edgewood Arsenal
School: Staples High School
Students: Sydney Newman, Meghan Nealon, and Ellie Kaplan

Third Place: The Collapse: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Hartford Circus Fire
School: Staples High School
Students: Daniel Blaustein and Jake Gersh

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: The Hoover Dam: Inspiring a Nation and Inciting Growth
School: Conard High School
Student: Andrew Maglio

Second Place: The Triumph and Tragedy of the 1992 Watts Truce
School: Staples High School
Student: Kylie Race
Third Place: The Fight for Democracy: Alice Paul and The Suffragette Movement
School: Farmington High School
Students: Veena Kodakirthi

Category: Senior Group Website

First Place: Marie Curie: Revolutionizing Science Despite Tragedy
School: Ellington High School
Students: Katelin Johndrow, Sophia Walker, and Allison Essig

Second Place: America’s Great Experiment: The Path to Perfecting Representative Democracy
School: Greenwich High School

Third Place: Jackie Robinson: Beyond Baseball
School: Staples High School
Students: Lucas Haymes, Matthew Ambrifi, and John Vincini

Category: Senior Individual Website

First Place: Where Do We Draw the Line? – How the Triumph of District-Based Representative Government Devolved into a Tragic Distortion of American Democratic Ideals
School: Simsbury High School
Student: Josh Picoult

Second Place: Chinese Immigration to the U.S.; Prisoners in the Land of the Free
School: Pomperaug Regional High School
Student: Evelyn Kuo

Third Place: The Reconstruction Amendments: A Cycle of Triumph and Tragedy
School: Conard High School
Student: Ethan Mathieu

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

First Place: Wrapped in Plastic
School: Greenwich High School
Students: Sadie Kriegler and Cali Hedbabny
Second Place: Who Plays God? The Tragedy of Medical Drug Trials Using the Placebo Affect
School: Pomperaug Regional High School
Students: Paige Moffat and Cassie Reilly

Third Place: Apollo 13: NASA’s Most Successful Failure
School: Ellington High School
Students: Matthew Tebbetts, Jack Olender, Tess Ryan, Lauren Martino, and Emma Gorham

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: Out of the Closet and Into the Medicine Cabinet: ACT UP New York’s Healthcare Triumphs
School: Northwest Catholic High School
Student: Mia Porcello

Second Place: The Nuremberg Doctors Trials
School: Nonnewaug High School
Student: Katelyn Meyers

Third Place: Bloody Sunday
School: Brien McMahon High School
Student: Natalie Ochoa

Category: Senior Group Performance

First Place: Atom Bomb, Eve of Annihilation: The Role of Investigative Journalists in Uncovering the Human Tragedy Behind the Triumph of the Atomic Bomb
School: Pequot Homeschool
Students: Liv Bobby, Reid Busse, Sebastian Zuba, Brooks Barry, and Emma Langdon

Second Place: “The Day the Clowns Cried”: A New Era of Regulation Salvaged from the Ashes of the 1944 Hartford Circus Fire
School: Ellington High School
Students: Aidan Caron and Cole Angell

Third Place: The Zodiac Killer: How the Unresolved Mystery of a Cold-Hearted Killer Led to Triumphs in Forensic Science
School: Ellington High School
Student: Kylie Elsass, Emily Mead, Samantha Curtis, Alexis Cantin, and Tessa Sanville
**Category: Senior Individual Performance**

**First Place:** Turning a Tragedy into a Triumph: Dolley Madison, the War of 181, and the Creation of a National Identity  
School: Conard High School  
Student: Lindsay Moynihan

**Second Place:** The Double Identity of Hedy Lamarr: Inventor and Invented Woman  
School: Greenwich High School  
Student: Gracie McCooe

**Third Place:** Dickey Chapelle: Triumphant in the Face of Discrimination and War  
School: Greenwich High School  
Students: Emma Olmsted