

# Connecticut History Day 2021 Mansfield/Storrs Regional Contest Results

## Junior Division

### Category: Junior Group Documentary

**First Place: The Lost Culture: The Revival of the Wampanoag Language**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Students: Anusha Butala and Vardhini Kandukuri

**Second Place: Cracking JN-25: The Journey and The Impact**

School: Madina Academy

Students: Rejhan Ajdinoska and Tasneem Zoghol

**Third Place: The Zimmerman Telegram: The Message That Held the Fate of the War**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Student: Aaron Michelsen, Tom Melia, and Andrew Zhang

### Category: Junior Individual Documentary

**First Place: The Infamy Speech: 518 Words that Changed America**

School: Vernon Center Middle School

Student: Soumil Jain

**Second Place: The Hedy Behind Hollywood: How a Silver Screen Starlet Revolutionized Communication Forever**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Student: Jane Carty

**Third Place: Dynamics of Secret Code: Shifting the Tides of World War 1**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Student: Guru Seenivasan

### Category: Junior Group Exhibit

**First Place: Mark Twain and Imperialism: Exposing the American Eagle's Talons in the Philippines**

School: Mansfield Middle School

Students: Simonne Thibeault, Amanda Zadnik, Sylvia Halbrooks

**Second Place: Opening Our Eyes: Braille and its Possibilities**

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School

Students: Kayla Bouchard, Jack Harmon, and Lauren McDonnell

**Third Place: Headlines: The Scoop on Hannah Bunce Watson**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Students: Esha Malli and Lalitha Papanasam

**Category: Junior Individual Exhibit**

**First Place: The Power of the Camera to Communicate: How Lewis Hine Exposed Child Labor**

School: Mansfield Middle School

Student: Mary Lynch

**Second Place: Communication in History: Frederick Douglass and The North Star**

School: Vernon Center Middle School

Student: Hayden Reel

**Third Place: Mayday at Tenerife Ok Is Not Ok**

School: Vernon Center Middle School

Student: Ethan Powell

**Category: Junior Group Performance**

**First Place: Esperanto: The Language of Empathy**

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School

Students: Kathia Diaz and Sophia Carrier

**Second Place: The Andrews Sisters: America's Wartime Sweethearts**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Students: Taruni Pendayala, Bhaavni Krishna, and Saanvi Rao

**Third Place: Communication Through Code: How the Navajo Code Talkers Saved the War**

School: Mansfield Middle School

Students: Kalyani Tihaiya and Sophie Marcus

## **Category: Junior Individual Performance**

### **First Place: Mavis Batey and the Geese That Never Cackled**

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School

Students: Rebecca Bemiss

### **Second Place: The Deliberate Misinformation Used in Preparation for and During D-Day**

School: Madina Academy

Students: Yameen Ahmed

## **Category: Junior Group Website**

### **First Place: Bah-Has-Tkih Yil-Tas: How the Navajo Code Talkers Communicated Confidentially**

School: Mansfield Middle School

Students: Bronwyn Mott and Bailey Fuerst

### **Second Place: Navajo Code Talkers: Coding Across the Pacific**

School: Mansfield Middle School

Students: Aileen Liu and Amanda Schweitzer

### **Third Place: Free At Last: Martin Luther King Jr. and His Communicative Fight for Social Reform**

School: Mansfield Middle School

Students: Makena Hendricks, Amalia Munteanu, and Layla Fish

## **Category: Junior Individual Website**

### **First Place: 10 Days to San Francisco: Shaping America Through the Mail**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Student: Linnea Bennett

### **Second Place: World War One of the Switchboard**

School: Mansfield Middle School

Student: Aram Adler-Smith

### **Third Place: Rising Voices for a Changing Climate**

School: Mansfield Middle School  
Student: Hiruni Witharana

## **Category: Junior Papers**

### **First Place: Letters for Understanding: Communication During the Cuban Missile Crisis**

School: Mansfield Middle School  
Student: Sophia Caneira

### **Second Place: The Pony Express - An Innovation that Changed Mail Forever**

School: Madina Academy  
Student: Aanum Khan

### **Third Place: One Letter, One Vote, Redefined Democracy: How A Mother's Letter Saved Women's Suffrage**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School  
Student: Siddharthan Muralidharan

## Senior Division

### Category: Senior Group Documentary

**First Place: The Babri Masjid Demolition: A Declaration of Hindu Nationalism**

School: Ellington High School

Students: Priyanshi Chakravorty and Varshini Manivannan

**Second Place: The Navajo Code Talkers: Transmitting Coded Messages to Win the War in the Pacific**

School: Ellington High School

Students: Jacob Redekas and Ryan King

**Third Place: Henrietta Lacks: Miscommunication and Racism in the Scientific Community**

School: Windham Technical High School

Students: Dionna Roberts, Lindsey DeMarchi, and Triniti Footman

### Category: Senior Individual Documentary

**First Place: The Zimmerman Telegram: How One Document Changed World War I**

School: Ellington High School

Student: John Takach

**Second Place: Music of the Vietnam Era: Protesting U.S. Involvement in the War**

School: Ellington High School

Student: Aidan Stratoudakis

**Third Place: The Wide Awakes**

School: Manchester High School

Students: Daisy Gonzalez

### Category: Senior Group Exhibit

**First Place: Education in Nazi Germany: Creating a Devoted Generation of Nazi Youth**

School: Ellington High School

Students: Madison Nichols, Madeline Duskocy, and Ella Moser

## **Category: Senior Individual Exhibit**

### **First Place: Native American Code Talkers**

School: Windham Technical High School

Student: Felix Colondres Rodriguez

### **Second Place: Music & Culture that Unites Nations: Christmas Truce of WW1**

School: Windham Technical High School

Student: Obadiah Czelusniak

### **Third Place: Secret Communication Used by the Conductors of the Underground Railroad**

School: Windham Technical High School

Student: Samantha Thoma

## **Category: Senior Group Performance**

### **First Place: Ted Sorensen: The Letter that Saved the World**

School: Vernon High School and Arts at the Capitol Theater Magnet School (ACT)

Students: Clarissa Halpryn and John Margelony

### **Second Place: McCarthy and the “Jackal Pack”: How the Media Exposed America’s Most Infamous Senator**

School: E. O. Smith High School

Students: Lauren Levine, Mateu Healey-Parera, Sarah Levine, and Julia Healey-Parera

### **Third Place: War of the Worlds: How Miscommunication Creates Hysteria**

School: Ellington High School

Students: Anna Moser, Rose Walder, Anna Bocchino, Megan Johndrow, and Ryan Cantin

## **Category: Senior Individual Performance**

### **First Place: Concealed Colonies: Silencing Outcasts to Advance England’s Well Being**

School: Ellington High School

Student: Julia Wilson

### **Second Place: Spinoza: Opening the Door to Free Thought**

School: Ellington High School

Student: Ryder Bidwell

## **Category: Senior Group Website**

### **First Place: 1968 Black Power Salute: Raising Fists to Raise Awareness**

School: Ellington High School

Students: Vincent Sivo and Diego Zaffanella

### **Second Place: Creedence Clearwater Revival (CCR) - Speaking Out on Vietnam**

School: Windham Technical High School

Students: Jack Perrin and Alexander Quintana

## **Category: Senior Individual Website**

### **First Place: The Telephone: A Stepping Stone Toward Improving Communication on the Battlefield**

School: Ellington High School

Student: Ava Walker

### **Second Place: Maria Colon Sanchez Takes Initiative to Support Bilingual Education**

School: Manchester High School

Student: Michelle Scott

### **Third Place: The Creation of American School for the Deaf**

School: Manchester High School

Student: Makaela Scott

## **Category: Senior Papers**

### **First Place: Left in the Pages of the Young Pioneers: A Look Into How Breaking Stalin's Nose Breaks Down the Reputation of Stalin's Young Pioneers**

School: Loomis Chaffee School

Student: Emily Khym

### **Second Place: Elizabeth Magie: The Effects of Miscommunication**

School: Manchester High School

Student: Gwenyth Smith

### **Third Place: Dear Miss Breed... Children's Voices During Japanese Internment**

School: Windham Technical High School

Student: Jerson Rosario