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-Tkiih 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
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