

**Connecticut History Day  
2024 Fairfield Regional Contest Results**

**Junior Division**

**Category: Junior Papers**

**First Place:** *The Dropping of the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Was it necessary?*

**School:** Tomlinson Middle School (Fairfield)

**Student:** Aarav Sahu

**Second Place:** *The Invention of the Haber Process; The Turning Point That Killed Millions And Saved Billions*

**School:** Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

**Student:** Julia Pierz

**Third Place:** *The ENIAC: A Key Turning Point in the Development of Computing Devices from the Ancient Abacus to the Modern PC*

**School:** Roton Middle School (Norwalk)

**Student:** Eshan Amin

**Honorable Mention:** *The Velvet Divorce: How the Peaceful Dissolution of Czechoslovakia Marked a Historical Turning Point*

**School:** Roton Middle School (Norwalk)

**Students:** Summer McDonald

**Category: Junior Individual Exhibit**

**First Place:** *"Nunca Mas", Grandmothers of Change*

**School:** Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

**Student:** Alex Sheefel

**Second Place:** *Tlatelolco Massacre*

**School:** West Rocks Middle School (Norwalk)

**Student:** Rulystefany Flores Inca

**Third Place:** *Nuclear Fission; The Legacy of Lise Meitner*

**School:** Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

**Student:** Victoria Teijeiro Martin

**Honorable Mention:** *The Manhattan Project: A Turning Point in World History*

**School:** Roton Middle School (Norwalk)

**Student:** Elizabeth Smith

**Category:** Junior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *Jackie Robinson*

**School:** Bedford Middle School (Westport)

**Students:** Kaitlin Clementi, Simone Turk

**Second Place:** *The Wright Brothers and the Evolution of Aircraft*

**School:** Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

**Students:** Madeleine Jaus, Riley Lefferts

**Third Place:** *The burning of moscow*

**School:** Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

**Students:** Adolfo Sanz Perez, Jonathan Koerner

**Honorable Mention:** *Bubble, Bubble, Toil, and Trouble: The Mary Staples Witch Trial*

**School:** Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

**Students:** Julia Garner, Reide Forman

**Category:** Junior Individual Documentary

**First Place:** *The Beatles: A Turning Point*

**School:** Bedford Middle School (Westport)

**Student:** Leanna Mitev

**Second Place:** *Emergence of Hip-Hop in the U.S.*

**School:** Bedford Middle School (Westport)

**Student:** Kevin O'Brien

**Third Place:** *Sept. 11th - The Day That Changed America Forever*

**School:** Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

**Student:** Henry Morrison

**Honorable Mention:** **The Steroid Era of Baseball**

**School:** Bedford Middle School

**Student:**

**Category:** Junior Group Documentary

**First Place:** *Barbie impact*

**School:** Bedford Middle School (Westport)

**Students:** Julia Riley, Alina Knapp, Quinn Danbeck

**Second Place:** *The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand*

**School:** Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

**Students:** Aiden Aframe, Teresa Gracia

**Third Place:** *Harlem Renaissance*

**School:** Bedford Middle School (Westport)

**Students:** Oliver Sunderji, Lev Piterbarg, Zayd Hemdan

**Honorable Mention:** *9/11 and Bin Laden's Other Attacks*

**School:** Bedford Middle School (Westport)

**Students:** Ashley Charise, Janaki Velugula

**Category:** Junior Individual Performance

**First Place:** *The Wonders and Woes of a Turning Point: The Basilic Cannon's Blast into Multiculturalism*

**School:** Bedford Middle School (Westport)

**Student:** Liam Harrison

**Category:** Junior Individual Website

**First Place:** *Invention of the First Personal Computer*

**School:** Ponus Ridge Middle School (Norwalk)

**Student:** Sadika Ilma

**Second Place:** *The Transistor: One Discovery Changed the World Forever*

**School:** Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

**Student:** Ethan Maxwell Valencia

**Third Place:** *Neuroimaging*

**School:** Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

**Student:** Amra Kornusova

**Honorable Mention:** *Elizabeth Blackwell: A Pioneer Women*

**School:** Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

**Student:** Trisha Sharma

**Category:** Junior Group Website

**First Place:** *The Manhattan Project and How It Changed The World*

**School:** Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

**Students:** Liam Davies, Lachlan Langone, Martin Ceballos-Cala

**Second Place:** *The Battle Against Failure: How the Kidney Transplant Revolutionized Organ Transplantation*

**School:** Bedford Middle School (Westport)

**Students:** Julia Losonczy, Azita Vazhayil

**Third Place:** *Nuclear Weapons: A Turning Point in Weapons Use*

**School:** Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

**Students:** Justin Jendrock, Jasper Hultgren, Ram Gupta, Jonah Frey

## Senior Division

### Category: Senior Papers

**First Place:** *JFK's "Optimism Without Infrastructure": A Pivotal Moment for Mental Health Care in America*

**School:** The Academy of Information Technology (Stamford)

**Student:** Maggie Fleischer

**Second Place:** *Unraveling the Threads of History: Lyme Disease as a Turning Point in Public Health*

**School:** The Academy of Information Technology (Stamford)

**Student:** Raniah Imran

**Third Place:** *A Storm Of Change*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Student:** Ioannis Petrotos

**Honorable Mention:** *The Influence of Charlemagne*

**School:** Sacred Heart Greenwich

**Student:** Blaire Williamson

### Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

**First Place:** *Baghdad's Greatest Institution*

**School:** Sacred Heart Greenwich

**Student:** Gabrielle Hughes

**Second Place:** *Saying the Queer Part Out Loud: How the Stonewall Riots Changed the Queer Community's Approach to Protest*

**School:** Staples High School (Westport)

**Student:** Fin Maddaloni

**Third Place:** *The Miracle of Dunkirk*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Student:** Alex Ohls

**Honorable Mention:** *The Letter From Birmingham Jail*

**School:** Staples High School (Westport)

**Student:** Ellis Maroney

**Category:** Senior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *Empowering Equality: Katharine Dexter McCormick's Pivotal Role in Advancing Women's Reproductive Rights and Birth Control*

**School:** Staples High School (Westport)

**Students:** Ashlyn Frey, Mia Cochran, Scarlett Sunjka

**Second Place:** *A Turning Point in Culture: The Immoral Origin and Immortal Legacy of HeLa Cells*

**School:** Staples High School (Westport)

**Students:** Uma Choudhury, Caroline Banks, Zara Saliba

**Category:** Senior Individual Documentary

**First Place:** *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967): A Turning Point in Film's Representation of Interracial Romance and Marriage*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Student:** Nick Grippo

**Second Place:** *A Milestone for the Government: The Regional and National Impact of the Works Progress Administration*

**School:** Lorena Pergjoni

**Student:** The Academy of Information Technology (Stamford)

**Third Place:** *The Jazz Singer: How Talkies Revolutionized the American Identity*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Student:** Sebastian DeAngelis

**Honorable Mention:** *The Creation of the Porsche Flat-six Engine*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

Student: Harrison Castelli

**Category:** Senior Group Documentary

**First Place:** *The Telephone: A New Age of Communication*

**School:** Greenwich High School

**Students:** Anna Stempien, Pearl Lee

**Second Place:** *How Penicillin Changed The Medical World*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Students:** Tyler Burke, Owen Dwyer

**Third Place:** *Making America Safer: The Response to the 9/11 Attacks*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Students:** Jack Stevens, James Cragin

**Honorable Mention:** *The United Nations: Peacekeepers of the World*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Students:** Maxwell Colella, Maximus Gabelli

**Category:** Senior Group Performance

**First Place:** *NAFTA: The Un-Noted Impacts*

**School:** Greenwich High School

**Students:** Owen Benison, Lindsay Schuler, Mariana Huba, Tavishi Choudhary, Brooke Cumberland

**Second Place:** *Meeting With Metternich at last*

**School:** Greenwich Academy

**Students:** Delaney Enright, Caroline Stickel

**Third Place:** *The Columbian Exchange*

**School:** Greenwich High School

**Students:** Niels Fischer, Thomas Stowe, Jack Berrett

**Category:** Senior Individual Website

**First Place:** *Great Influence of the Olmec Civilization*

**School:** Sacred Heart Greenwich

**Student:** Claire McMonagle

**Second Place:** *The Shot that Echoed Across the World: The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand*

**School:** Staples High School (Westport)

**Student:** Julien McMahon

**Third Place:** *The Battle of Stalingrad, A Turning Point in the War and the world*

**School:** Greenwich Academy

**Student:** Maria Gazoni

**Honorable Mention:** *Effects of the Second Battle of the Marne*

**School:** Sacred Heart Greenwich

**Student:** Alexa Whitney

**Category:** Senior Group Website

**First Place:** *The Yalta Conference: How a Secret Meeting Altered the Fate of the Post-War World*

**School:** Staples High School (Westport)

**Students:** Kevin Cano, Will Enquist

**Second Place:** *The Discovery of Penicillin*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Students:** Harrison Saunders, Ryan Kaseta

**Third Place:** *Sigmund Freud: Uncovering the Mystery of the Mind*

**School:** Brunswick School (Greenwich)

**Students:** Dakota Barlow, Chloe Huh

**Honorable Mention:** *The Ford Model T and the Assembly Line*



**School:** Greenwich Academy

**Students:** Kit Maclean, Aerin Schwartz