

**Connecticut History Day
2025 State Contest Results**

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

**First Place: The Rights and Responsibilities of Human-Subject
Research: Through the Lens of Dr. Mengele's Experiments**

School: Tomlinson Middle School

Student: Aarav Sahu

**Second Place: Don't Call Her a Business Woman; Call Her a Woman
in Business: Beatrice Fox Auerbach's Pioneering View of Rights and
Responsibilities in Business**

School: Timothy Edwards Middle School

Student: Lillian Magnoli

**Third Place: Equal Rights, Equal Responsibility: The Legal and
Social Impact of Brown v. Board of Education**

School: Torrington Middle School

Student: Lam Khuu

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

**First Place: Native American Boarding Schools: Denying Cultural
Rights**

School: Vernon Center Middle School

Student: Madison Gordon

**Second Place: Do With Less-So They'll Have Enough: How U.S.
Rationing in World War II Called Upon Americans to Sacrifice
Personal Freedoms for the Greater Good**

School: Sedgwick Middle School

Student: Anna Small

Third Place: Mary Ellen & Etta Wheeler: Transforming Children's Rights

School: Worthington Hooker School

Student:Emanuel Martinez-Quintero

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

First Place: Civilian Public Service Camps: The Compromise Between Personal Rights and National Responsibility

School: Ellington Middle School

Students:Julianne Pashe, Katie Smith

Second Place: In Chains for Change: The Arrest of Alice Paul

School: Memorial Middle School

Students:Jamie Quiles, Katelyn Michitsch

Third Place: Love Canal: The Establishment of Responsibilities and the Extraordinary Fight for Residential Rights in Niagara Falls

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School

Students:Brianna Blanton, Kalina Kurgan

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: Fighting Against Barbed Wire

School: Sedgwick Middle School

Student:Dharini Luthra

Second Place:The Price of Power: How the U.S. Left an Indelible Mark on the Lives of Veterans and Marshall Islanders

School: Sedgwick Middle School

Student:Kamran Batchelder

Third Place: Jane Addams: Establishing Women's Rights by Emphasizing Maternal Responsibilities

School: Timothy Edwards School

Student:Sanvi Tiwari

Category: Junior Group Documentary

**First Place and Bill Brayfield Award Winners: Shays' Rebellion:
The Uprising That Shaped A Nation**

School: Timothy Edwards School

Students: Vyom Kadegaonkar, Vivaan Pandey

Second Place: Voices of Aotearoa; The Māori Struggles for Equality

School: Westside Middle School Academy (Danbury)

Students: Rafaella Lopez-Gibbons, Genesis Godoy

Third Place: 1970 Kent State Shooting And The Effect On America

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Students: Ashley Charise, Maia Stiegle, Janaki Velugula

Category: Junior Individual Performance

**First Place and Wayne Smith Memorial Award: Eli Todd:
Connecticut Mental Health Pioneer**

School: Pine Point School (Stonington)

Student: Roma Guachione

Second Place: Alse Young and Witchcraft in Connecticut

School: Pine Point School (Stonington)

Student: Mabel Foley

Third Place: Rachel Carson: The Impacts of Pesticides

School: Pine Point School (Stonington)

Student: Rose Hambleton

Category: Junior Group Performance

**First Place: The Abolitionist Who Never Stopped Writing: The
Liberator's Fight For Anti-Slavery**

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Students: Emma Hennessey, Emma O'Brien, Emma Lily Flynn

Second Place: The Future is Female: The Case of Griswold vs. Connecticut

School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School

Students: Jahnvi Modi, Masa Elnasser, Anishka Ariya

Third Place: The Russian Revolution: The Fight for Rights

School: Roton Middle School (Norwalk)

Students: Emma Duffy, Noelle Johnson

Category: Junior Individual Website

First Place: A Line in the Sand, A River of Blood: The Partition That Stole Millions of Rights

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Aarna Jaggi

Second Place: The Third Reich and the Acts of 1933: The Results of This on the German People

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Arthit Bakshi

Third Place: Healthcare as a Fundamental Right: WHO's Role in Eradicating Smallpox

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Student: Afsa Raja

Category: Junior Group Website

First Place: Rights and Responsibilities in Healthcare: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Enaaya Mohammed, Musfira Bhuiyan

Second Place: Luminous Lives, Remarkable Legacy: The Radium Girls' Fight for Workplace Rights and Employer Responsibilities

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)
Students:Salma Hassan, Sohyla Hassan

Third Place: From the Shadows to the Streets: Harvey Milk and the Fight for Gay Rights

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School (Enfield)
Students:Amber Asher, Auden Rodriguez

Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

First Place and Bruce Fraser Award: A Long Fought Battle: Agent Orange, Soldiers' Rights, and the Government's Responsibility

School: Wilton High School

Student: Avner Wilson-Spiro

Second Place: Guilty Until Proven Innocent: Anthony Ray Hinton and the Crisis of Racialized Justice in America

School: Miss Porter's School (Farmington)

Student: Yulisa Ma

Third Place: Wilhelm Furtwängler: Defending Art, Defying Oppression

School: The Hotchkiss School (Salisbury)

Student: Zixiu Gong

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: Yee Shun and the Right to Testify: Systems of Injustice in the Justice System

School: Ellington High School

Student: Emmett Smith

Second Place: Sheff v. O'Neill: Equal Education In Connecticut

School: Rockville High School

Student: Jacob Brown

Third Place: Beyond the Factory: Women's Rights and Responsibilities During WWII

School: High School in the Community (New Haven)

Student: Mya Stettinger

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

First Place: "Rewarded by Death": How Operation Columba Exemplifies the Rights and Responsibilities of Civilians in Wartime

School: E.O. Smith High School (Mansfield)

Students: Amanda Zadnik, Simonne Thibeault

Second Place: The Jones Act; Maritime Rights and Responsibilities

School: Pomperaug Regional High School

Students: Lincoln Macumber, Alana Drauss-McDaniel, Campbell Macumber

Third Place: Central Park Five: Injustice In The Spotlight

School: Norwich Free Academy

Students: Nevaeh Lucas, Areli Brown

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: Imagine We Were One

School: Conard High School

Student: Luke Kalke

Second Place: Chasing Ghosts: The Tragic History of Witch Hunts Against People With Albinism in Tanzania

School: South Windsor High School

Student: Arushi Sharma

Third Place: Nina Simone: An Unchained Outcry for Justice

School: Ellington High School

Student: Keisha Lorene Burce

Category: Senior Group Documentary

First Place: Tragedy in Tuskegee: How Exposing America's Hypocrisy Shaped the Rights and Responsibilities in Clinical Trials

School: South Windsor High School

Students:Janani Shanmugam Jaisankar, Taruni Pendyala, Neelesh Sathish, Sanjay Rajan, Smriti Rajan

Second Place: Tinker v. Des Moines: "Substantially" Standing the "Test" of Time

School: Litchfield High School

Students:Finn Outwater, Oliver Outwater

Third Place: Rights on the Line: The Kelo v. New London Conflict

School: Farmington High School

Students:Kostas Rakevicius, Ferran Ruiz

[Category: Senior Individual Performance](#)

First Place: Alice Paul: Leading Women in the Fight for the Right and Responsibility to Vote

School: East Lyme High School

Student:Emma Frisbie

Second Place: Noor Inayat Khan: A Responsibility to Resist

School: South Windsor High School

Student:Bhaavni Krishna

Third Place: Victoria Woodhull: Ladies, Tell Your Husbands, Vote For Her!

School: South Windsor High School

Student:Rayna Reed

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First Place: From California's Campuses to Communities: Asian Student Activists' Fight for Inclusivity

School: E.O. Smith High School (Mansfield)

Students:Kalyani Tihaiya, Mia Chen

Second Place: Nellie Bly, Asylum Spy: Exposing the Abuse of Patient Rights and Neglect of Medical Responsibilities

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students:Salma Mahmoud, Zainah Khaliq, Sidra Bedir, Tasneem Zoghol

Third Place: Project MK-Ultra: The CIA's Secret Operation Which Defined the Line Between Ethics and National Security

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students:Ellie Arber, Sophia Sheng

Category: Senior Individual Website

First Place: Veiled Injustice: The Legacy of the Untreated Syphilis Study and Human Subject Rights

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Student: Noor Hassan

Second Place: Tinker v. Des Moines: Rebels or Revolutionaries?

School: Farmington High School

Student:Alexandra Czyz

Third Place: Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Entry Title

School: The Academy of Information Technology (Stamford)

Student:Kavin Gnanavel

Category: Senior Group Website

First Place: The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: From Tragedy to Reform

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students:Sarah Elsherbini, Noora Mahmoud , Faqiha Faheem

Second Place: Turning the Wheels : America's Drive Towards Responsibility in Disability Rights

School: Norwich Free Academy

Students: Jason Li, Jeff Wu

**Third Place: Loving v. Virginia: Gaining the Fundamental Right of
Interracial Marriage**

School: Greenwich Academy

Students: Aya Ragab, Hadley Stockton