

**Connecticut History Day**  
**2026 Fairfield Regional Contest Results**

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

**First Place:** *A Revolution in Medicine: How the Spanish Flu Led to Reform in American Public Health.*

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Student: Mia Amin

**Second Place:** *The Tube Alloys Project: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in the Nuclear Age*

School: Middlebrook School (Wilton)

Student: Ethan Krishna

**Third Place:** *Reinstating Human Liberties, Reunifying Society: How the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Redefined Global Standards for Human Freedoms*

School: Roton Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Eugene Dupa

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

**First Place:** *The Race to Discover DNA and the Dark Side of Winning*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Henry Bach

**Second Place:** *When Connecticut was Betrayed; The Burning of New London*

School: West Rocks Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Riley Baskay

**Third Place:** *The Radium Girls*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Sofia Farquhar

**Honorable Mention:** *Truman vs McArthur: The Firing That Changed History*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: James Ben

**Category:** Junior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *Smuggling Hope: The Journey of the Couriers*

School: Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

Students: Peyton Yaffee, Grace Hansen

**Second Place:** *The Legacy of Lewis Hine*

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Students: Matilda Jones, Nora Lipschutz

**Third Place:** *Soul Train*

School: Ponus Ridge Middle School (Norwalk)

Students: Anusha Mundra, Isabella Oliver, Rida Deura

**Honorable Mention:** *A Day to Remember: The Attacks on 9/11*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Students: Gemma Porrino, Charlotte Carr

**Category:** Junior Individual Documentary

**First Place:** *Unit 731*

School: Roton Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Noelle Johnson

**Second Place:** *The Radium Girls : Shining A Light On Injustice*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Madyan Hemdan

**Third Place:** *Mother Jones: An Adamant Fight for Child Labor Rights*

School: West Rocks Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Laura Sanchez Rivas

**Honorable Mention:** *A Conflict on the Inside: How a Disagreement Can Lead to a War*

School: West Rocks Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Sofia Velasquez

**Category:** Junior Group Documentary

**First Place:** *Lewis Hine and Adding Awareness to Child Labor*

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Students: Emily Bernier, Emmeline Cutler

**Second Place:** *Soldier Boy*

School: Concord Magnet School (Norwalk)

Students: Anthony Ferrara, Parker Allen, Anwar Bestiane

**Third Place:** *Hindenberg*

School: Nathan Hale Middle School (Norwalk)

Students: Xavier Holley, Grayson Laughton

**Honorable Mention:** *The Reform on Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy*

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Students: Dexter Abrams, Rhys Livingston

**Category:** Junior Individual Performance

**First Place:** *The Spark of Revolution: Avenging the Name of Samuel Maverick*

School: West Rocks Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Domenica Pulluquitin

**Second Place:** *1991 Gay Rights bill*

School: Concord Magnet School (Norwalk)

Student: Carter Pugliese

**Category:** Junior Group Performance

**First Place:** *1810 May Revolution, Voices of the Cabildo*

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Student: Brandon Sheefel, Olivia Duran

**Second Place:** *The Red Rose Girls*

School: Nathan Hale Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Ava Spergel, Yasmine Essarsare, Riley Sandler, Trisha J Patel

**Third Place:** *The Exposettes: Secrets Revealed*

School: West Rocks Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Emma Hernandez, Evelyn Guzman, Brooklyn DePalma

**Honorable Mention:** *The Columbian Exchange*

School: West Rocks Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Olivia Melendez Aviles, Allison Herrera, Ashley Cardenas

**Category:** Junior Individual Website

**First Place:** *Mercury*

School: Roton Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Sandra Donaldson

**Second Place:** *The Needle that Saved Millions: The Eradication of Smallpox*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Leanne Wong

**Third Place:** *The Sputnik One*

School: Ponus Ridge Middle School (Norwalk)

Student: Sadika Ilma

**Honorable Mention:** *A Study in the Art of Anatomy - Da Vinci*

School: Scotts Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

Student: Audrey Wang

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**First Place:** *Desmond Doss: Our Lifesaver*

School: Roton Middle School (Norwalk)

Students: Monte Boyce, Hunter Milanese

**Second Place:** *Angel of the Battlefield*

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Students: Brooklynn Flom, Johanna Lawton

**Third Place:** *Kent State Massacre*

School: Nathan Hale Middle School (Norwalk)

Students: Lucas Cuevas, PJ Small, Mateo Ceciliano-Cordero

## Senior Division

### Category: Senior Papers

**First Place:** *The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire: A Catalyst for Change*

School: Fairfield Warde High School (Fairfield)

Student: Sarah Terrell

**Second Place:** *Marian Anderson: A Voice That Challenged a Nation*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Alexandra Ben

**Third Place:** *The Pioneers of Public Health: How The Smallpox Vaccination Revolution Redefined State Authority in 19th-Century Great Britain*

School: Brien McMahon High School (Norwalk)

Student: Usaria Rahman

**Honorable Mention:** *The Scofield Mine Blast in Scofield Utah: The Reforms caused by the Pleasant Valley Explosion*

School: The Academy of Information Technology (Norwalk)

Student: Shirley Milian

### Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

**First Place:** *Reforming Apartheid: Fighting Violence with Violence*

School: Brunswick School (Greenwich)

Student: Diego Placido

### Category: Senior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *The Misguided Reform: How Progressive Era Eugenics Redefined Science, Law, and Human Rights*

School: Greenwich High School (Greenwich)

Students: Yihan Shao, Angelina Song

**Second Place:** *Technicolor in The Wizard of Oz: Revolutionizing the Standards of Cinema*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Ruby Boroujerdi, Cami Barger, Madeleine Stiber

**Third Place:** *Progression Toward Gender Equality: Violence Against Women's Act*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Charlotte Hoke, Cali Kingsley

**Honorable Mention:** *The Degree That Sparked Revolution and the Woman Behind It: Elizabeth Blackwell*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Madelynn Flom, Lilly Ford, Brooklynn Crawford

**Category:** *Senior Individual Documentary*

**First Place:** *NASA: How A Space Agency Drove Civil Rights Reforms*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Noah Bruno

**Second Place:** *The Knights of Labor*

School: The Academy of Information Technology (Norwalk)

Student: Alex Amann

**Third Place:** *Equality Over Injustice How Title IX shaped Female Athletics*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Serena Goldfarb

**Honorable Mention:** *Southbury vs. Fascism: When a Small Town took a Stand*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Alexandra Gottlieb

**Category: Senior Group Documentary**

**First Place:** *A Home for Veterans — An Inspiring Legacy for All*

School: Darien High School (Darien)

Students: Thomas Ehrbar, Brandon Yao, Harrison Dilts

**Second Place:** *Igniting History: How Gunpowder Triggered a Global Transformation*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Luca Ghedini, Pranav Tamilselvan

**Third Place:** *Writing a Revolution: How the Declaration of Independence Was Written*

School: Greenwich High School (Greenwich)

Students: Leah DeMarco, Jack Freitas, Charles Stuckey

**Honorable Mention:** *munster rebellion*

School: Darien High School (Darien)

Students: Kenny Arrunategui, Pierce Brawley

**Honorable Mention:** *Revolution on the Fairway*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Graham Lewis, Akshay Rao, Ryan Asiel

**Category: Senior Group Performance**

**First Place:** *The Split of the National Women's Suffrage Association and the Congressional Union: The Parties That Led to the Passage of the 19th Amendment*

School: The Academy of Information Technology (Stamford)

Student: Cecilia Sepulveda, Kayla Mozingo, Ava Pismennaya

**Category: Senior Individual Performance**

**First Place:** *My Friend This Isn't America: The Native American Reaction to the Transcontinental Railroad*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Maia Stiegler

**Category: Senior Individual Website**

**First Place:** *The Cost of Progress: Morals, Ethics and Authority in Connecticut During the Lobotomy Movement*

School: Greenwich Day School (Greenwich)

Student: William Aishman

**Second Place:** *We Are Columbine: How Normalized Deviance in Gun Violence Has Undermined Effective Gun Reform in School Shootings*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Student: Cameryn Brink

**Third Place:** *Breaking the Silence and Condemning the Violence*

School: Greenwich Academy (Greenwich)

Student: Sophia Alexopoulos

**Honorable Mention:** *The Bonus Army: Protest, Reaction, and the Birth of the New Deal*

School: The Academy of Information Technology (Stamford)

Student: Jameson Luciani

**Category: Senior Group Website**

**First Place:** *Civil Rights Act of 1964*

School: Brunswick School (Greenwich)

Students: James McGinty, Alberto Ubina

**Second Place:** *Japan's Meiji Restoration*

School: Brunswick School (Greenwich)

Students: Elliot Veiner, Andy Zeng

**Third Place:** *9/11 - A Rift between the US and Afghanistan for Decades to Come*

School: Brunswick School (Greenwich)

Students: Becket Pardiwala, Paul Kesmodel