

**Connecticut History Day**  
**2026 New Haven Regional Contest Results**

Junior Division

**Category: Junior Papers**

**First Place:** *Overlooking Rosalind: Reactions and Reforms in Scientific Collaboration Practices Triggered by the Revolutionary Discovery of the Double Helix*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Student: Cyra Osler

**Second Place:** *Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole: A Revolution in Nursing*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Student: Sam Kaplan-Fay

**Third Place:** *Wat Tyler's Insurrection and its Impact on Modern Revolutions and Reforms*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Student: Iva Roosien

**Honorable Mention:** *The Journey to Center Stage: The Long Revolution of Women in Theater*

School: Wallingford, CT, James H. Moran Middle School

Student: Emily Levine

**Category: Junior Individual Exhibit**

**First Place:** *Hedy Lamarr and Securing Communications*

School: Ridgefield, CT, East Ridge Middle School

Student: Suchetha Rao

**Second Place:** *Fear and Fury: Popular Reaction to Brazil's 1904 Vaccine Revolt*

School: Bethany, CT, Amity Middle School

Student: Liam Umali

**Third Place:** *Korean Airlines Flight 007: From Tragedy to the GPS Revolution*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Student: Morris Queenborough

**Honorable Mention:** *Juneteenth*

School: Wallingford, CT, James H. Moran Middle School

Student: Haylee Spence

**Category:** *Junior Group Exhibit*

**First Place:** *From Rags to Riches: China's Reform and Opening Up*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Students: Mengzhou Han, Kavi Vora Camp

**Second Place:** *The Art of Unconsciousness: The Medical Revolution of Anesthesia*

School: Wallingford, CT, James H. Moran Middle School

Students: Gabriella Carignan, Hailey Jones, Skylar Smith

**Third Place:** *The Warsaw Uprising*

School: Hamden, CT, St. Rita School

Students: Franciszek Grochowalski-Nowak, Romeo Lopez

**Honorable Mention:** *The Reign of Terror*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Students: Nima Safdari, Siwon Park

**Category: Junior Individual Documentary**

**First Place:** *The Impact of the United States on the Chilean Military Coup*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Student: Matteo Lawless

**Second Place:** *The Los Angeles Riots of 1992*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Student: Daelen Dinkler

**Third Place:** *Dinosaur Revolution: Why the Discovery of Dinosaurs Changed Everything*

School: Bethany , CT, Amity Middle School

Student: Andrew McDaniel

**Honorable Mention:** *Discovery of Statins: A revolution in medicine.*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Student: Ayra Tarabar

**Category: Junior Group Documentary**

**First Place:** *Comfort Women In WW2 and The Revolts that Followed*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Students: Paulina von Blume, Mayumi Imam

**Second Place:** *The struggle of the French colonial occupation of Algeria and their independence.*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Students: Zayd Altalib, Yousef Adeeleh

**Third Place:** *Women in The Workplace during World War 2*

School: East Haven, CT, Joseph Melillo Middle School

Students: Eli Torello, Dahna Lara, Aryanna Torres, Julia Moran, Jenny Jones-Davenport

**Honorable Mention:** *Liberty in Chains, Reign of Terror*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School  
Students: Tasal Samadi, Levi Grossman, Thomas Lu

**Category: Junior Individual Performance**

**First Place:** *The Revolutionary Pauli Murray*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School  
Student: GG King

**Second Place:** *A Revolution In Woman's Choices In Fashion*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School  
Student: Sarah Khan

**Category: Junior Individual Website**

**First Place:** *Connecticut's Battle With Capital Punishment*

School: Bethany, CT, Amity Middle School  
Student: Xinghan Guo

**Second Place:** *The Translator is Mightier than the King: William Tyndale and the English Reformation*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School  
Student: Peter Schmidt

**Third Place:** *Changing Aviation Forever: The Boeing 747*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School  
Student: Albert Wang

**Honorable Mention:** *Meiji Ishin*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School  
Student: Kayla Pinkard

**Category: Junior Group Website**

**First Place:** *Anesthesia and the Reform of Surgery*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School  
Students: Camila Guerrero Diaz, Paulina Borowski

**Second Place:** *Carson's Call: How One Woman Changed the Landscape and the Laws.*

School: New Haven, CT, Worthington Hooker School

Students: Nora Parkin, Uni Jang

**Third Place:** *How the Industrial revolution changed women's fashion*

School: Hamden, CT, St. Rita School

Students: Alexia Nawrocki, Eloise McPherson

### Senior Division

#### Category: Senior Papers

**First Place:** *"Solidarity Will Not Be Divided or Destroyed": The Solidarity Movement and the Fall of Polish Communism, 1976-1989*

School: Woodbridge, CT, Amity Regional High School

Student: Luca DiSorbo

**Second Place:** *Power, Protest, and Justice: The New Haven Black Panther Trials*

School: Beacon Falls, CT, Woodland Regional High School

Student: Tiago Branco

**Third Place:** *Legacies of the Cold War; the Consequences of United States Foreign Policy in Post-War Cambodia*

School: New Haven, CT, New Haven Academy

Student: Elliot Peaper

**Honorable Mention:** *Mary Townsend Seymour*

School: Beacon Falls, CT, Woodland Regional High School

Student: Abigail Beecher

#### Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

**First Place:** *Mary Goodrich Jenson: Storyteller of the Sky*  
School: Beacon Falls, CT, Woodland Regional High School  
Student: Sofia Sipe

**Second Place:** *The unjust trial of Nat Turner*  
School: New Haven, CT, Wilbur Cross High School  
Student: Arianna Ramirez

**Third Place:** *Progress, Backlash, and Denial: The Tulsa Race Massacre through the Lens of Revolution, Reaction, and Reform*  
School: New Haven, CT, High School In The Community  
Student: Mya Stettinger

**Honorable Mention:** *The Freedmen's Bureau and the Expansion of Educational opportunities for Black Americans*  
School: Naugatuck, CT, Naugatuck High School  
Student: Elijah Joseph

**Category: Senior Group Exhibit**

**First Place:** *Baby Teeth Stop Nuclear Testing! The Peoples Reaction to Radiation Poisoning. The World Reforms.*  
School: Southbury, CT, Pomperaug Regional High School  
Student: Jamie Quiles, Katelyn Michitsch

**Second Place:** *Grains of Wrath: How the Bengal Famine of 1943 Fed Reaction, Reform, and Revolution.*  
School: New Haven, CT, High School In The Community  
Student: Janu Patel, Priya Patel

**Third Place:** *The Civil Rights Movement in Black Churches*  
School: New Haven, CT, Wilbur Cross High School  
Student: Karen Lopez, Mariah Mantilla, Martha Morales

**Honorable Mention:** *The Gentlemen's Agreement: Race, Exclusion, and the NFL*

School: Naugatuck, CT, Naugatuck High School

Student: Jake Romer, Jayden Williams, Armend Dauti, Joao DeCampos, Manuel Meregildo

**Category:** Senior Individual Documentary

**First Place:** *The CIA's Banana Republic, the 1954 American coup in Guatemala*

School: Greenwich, CT, Greenwich Academy

Student: Elizabeth Abelson

**Second Place:** *Photo 51: A Revolutionary Discovery, a Gendered Reaction, and the Path to Ethical Reform*

School: Southbury, CT, Pomperaug Regional High School

Student: Payton Pentino

**Third Place:** *From Assimilation to Affirmation: The White Paper of 1969, Citizens Plus, and the Reform of Indigenous Rights*

School: New Haven, CT, Hopkins School

Student: Clarissa Castilho

**Honorable Mention:** *Benjamin Franklin's Lightning Rod: A Legend of Independence*

School: Hamden, CT, Hamden Hall Country Day School

Student: Amy Zhou

**Category:** Senior Group Documentary

**First Place:** *Igniting Reform: The Hartford Circus Fire and its Impact on Fire Safety Regulation*

School: Hamden, CT, Hamden Hall Country Day School

Students: Mia Aisin, Lily Evans

**Second Place:** *A Trial of Principles: Prudence Crandall's Case for Education and the Legal Foundation of American Civil Rights*  
School: West Haven, CT, Engineering-Science University Magnet School  
Students: Sahana Bhandary-Alexander, Titiladeoluwa Adeniran

**Third Place:** *Challenging Barriers in a Man's World: How Elizabeth Blackwell Paved the Way for Women in the Medical Profession*  
School: Naugatuck, CT, Naugatuck High School  
Students: Trinity Ljungquist, Zoe Agosto

**Honorable Mention:** *The Nuremberg Trials: A Turning Point for Justice and Human Rights*  
School: Naugatuck, CT, Naugatuck High School  
Student: James Mezzom Jaylen Reyes

**Category: Senior Individual Performance**

**First Place:** *A Sisterhood of service and reform: Delta Sigma Thea's Fight for Social and Education Equality.*  
School: New Haven, CT, High School In The Community  
Student: Syrani Smith

**Category: Senior Group Performance**

**First Place:** *Uprising of the 20,000 - The Catalyst For Working Women*  
School: North Haven, CT, Hamden Hall Country Day School  
Student: Audrey Kim, Sunny Kim

**Second Place:** *Revolution On The Runway Challenging "Who's Beauty" Through The 1968 Miss America Pageant*  
School: New Haven, CT, High School In The Community  
Student: Calli Brashears, Sar'enity Harris

**Category: Senior Individual Website**

**First Place:** *Engineering the Public Mind: Edward Bernays and the Revolution of Public Opinion*

School: Wallingford, CT, Choate Rosemary Hall  
Students: Alexis Lee

**Second Place:** *From Mold to Medicine: Penicillin and the Medical Revolution That Reformed Modern Healthcare*

School: Woodbridge, CT, Amity Regional High School  
Students: Robert Huang

**Third Place:** *The Barefoot Doctor Program: A Rural Health Revolution in China, 1968–1985*

School: Woodbridge, CT, Amity Regional High School  
Students: Eric Chen

**Honorable Mention:** *The Slider Revolution: How White Castle Changed The Way America Eats*

School: Naugatuck, CT, Naugatuck High School  
Student: Oliver Tkaczyk

[Category: Senior Group Website](#)

**First Place:** *An arduous fight for women's contraception rights: Griswold v. Connecticut's role in influencing government opinion to catalyze social reform.*

School: Middlebury, CT, Westover School  
Students: Yingxue Wang, Ha Nguyen, Erin Jung

**Second Place:** *Buck v. Bell and the Legalization of Forced Sterilization*

School: Naugatuck, CT, Naugatuck High School  
Students: Joseph Hooker, Delilah Dinis

**Third Place:** *Black power salute*

School: Naugatuck, CT, Naugatuck High School  
Students: Warren Campbell, Silas Smalls

**Honorable Mention:** *Revolution Through Revision: Reform and Reaction in the U.S. Constitution*

School: Naugatuck, CT, Naugatuck High School

Student: Dallas Autore, Fabio Cardoso