

Connecticut History Day
2026 Norwich Regional Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: *Irish Potato Famine*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Gerald Holland

Second Place: *A Slow End to Puritanism, Reforming the Connecticut Blue Laws*

School: (New London, CT) Interdistrict School For Arts And Communication

Student: Andrew Harvey

Third Place: *The Scopes Monkey trial*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Annalisa Archbald

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place: *America's Favorite Fighting Frenchman: How the Marquis de Lafayette Played a Crucial Role in Revolutions on Two Continents*

School: (Bozrah, CT) Fields Memorial School

Student: Kinley Payne

Second Place: *The Great Chicago Fire*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Jackson Basham

Third Place: *Hip - Hop Revolution*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Liam Carpentino

Honorable Mention: *Alan Turing: Computer Revolution*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Mylo Awwa

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

First Place: *The Invention of the Sewing Machine*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Students: Miella Bard, Julia Haslam

Second Place: *Ivoryton Factory*

School: (Essex, CT) Essex Elementary School

Students: Colin Comerford, Jacob Iannucci, Evan Perera

Third Place: *Match Girl Strike's Impact on Labor Laws*

School: (Bozrah, CT) Fields Memorial School

Students: Nevada Carson, Sylvia Deschamps

Honorable Mention: *The Titanic*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Students: Ekaterina Gregoire, Chloe Hill

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: *The De-Stalinization of the USSR*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Beckett Goss

Second Place: *Sleepy Hollow*

School: (New London, CT) Interdistrict School For Arts And
Communication

Student: Johanna Simpson

Third Place: *The revelation, the reaction and the reform of handheld mobile devices*

School: (Hebron, CT) Hebron Elementary School

Student: Paul Kisner

Honorable Mention: *Jackie Robinson*

School: Old Lyme, CT, Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Jacob Palacios

Category: Junior Group Documentary

First Place: *The Great depression-The fight for free speech*

School: (New London, CT) Interdistrict School For Arts And Communication

Students: Kialeinys Perdomo, Alyssa Silvasantisteban

Second Place: *The Fall of the Berlin Wall*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Students: Broderick Morris, Jackson Chapps

Third Place: *Cosmetology and African American Women: A Study in Equality*

School: (New London, CT) Interdistrict School For Arts And Communication

Students: Leysi Huezo, Madgery Baptichon

Honorable Mention: *Bootleggers during prohibition*

School: (Hebron, CT) Hebron Elementary School

Students: Logan May, Jacob LeMay, Ryan Williams

Category: Junior Individual Performance

First Place: *Mercy Otis Warren: Pamphleteer, Poet, Playwright, and Revolutionary Founder*

School: (Stonington, CT) Pine Point School

Student: Jane Kearney

Second Place: *The Chicago Tylenol Murders*

School: (Old Lyme, CT) Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Kate Scheckwitz

Third Place: *Billie Jean King's Revolutionary Match*

School: (Stonington, CT) Pine Point School

Student: Ginger Cameron

Honorable Mention: *Rebecca Nurse of the Salem Witch Trials*

School: (Stonington, CT) Pine Point School

Student: Darcy Reilly

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First Place: *We will never forget September 11th, 2001*

School: (Hebron, CT) Hebron Elementary School

Student: Colby Schmeizl

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First Place: *The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan*

School: (East Haddam, CT) Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Students: Lincoln Anderson, Reid Dekoven

Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

First Place: *A Tale of Two Revolutions: How the Response to a Revolutionary Medical Breakthrough Saved the American Revolution*

School: (Greenwich, CT) Greenwich High School

Student: Tyler Malkin

Second Place: *Economic Sovereignty Restored: The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Rise of Foxwoods Resort Casino*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Kailani Sebastian

Third Place: *Transforming the Asylum: The Mental Patients' Rights Movement and the Norwich State Hospital*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Grace Loomis

Honorable Mention: *Closing the Doors: Deinstitutionalization at Norwich State Hospital*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Coraline Roberts

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: *Crisis Reaction and Reform Gone Wrong: The Homeland Security Act of 2002*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Rachel Little

Second Place: *The Oregon Trail: How Moving West Changed America*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: John Pollard

Third Place: *Lights, Camera...Silence: The Hollywood Blacklist and Anti-Communism Reaction in Entertainment*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Addison Cuff

Honorable Mention: *Science vs. Segregation: Charles Drew and The Blood Bank Revolution*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Isabelle Laguerre

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

First Place: *The Monster Study of 1939: A Scientific Revolution*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Winnie Mai, Esperanza Capellan-Seda

Second Place: *One Death, Many Voices: The Tragic Case of Vincent Chin*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Dukmo Samten, Connie Tang

Third Place: *Willowbrook: A Turning Point in Disability Care*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Leyicet Rodriguez, Haley Bryant

Honorable Mention: *More Than Just a Game: Jackie Robinson's Effect on Society*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Isabella Ruta, Isabella Trask

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: *Exposing the Truth: The Pentagon Papers and the Fight for a Free Press*

School: (Simsbury, CT) Westminster School

Student: Joanna Halle

Second Place: *Beyond The Field: A fight for civil rights*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Antonella Arbiato

Third Place: *A Miscommunication That Changed History: The Opening of the Berlin Wall and the Fall of Soviet Communism*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Alyson Titus

Honorable Mention: *A Town Shaken, A Nation Awoken*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Layla Agney

Category: Senior Group Documentary

First Place: *Jazz and the Revolution of American Culture*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Sobrina Jeanty, Shawn Diaz

Second Place: *Curiosities of Cruelty*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Rose Alcius, Sephora Dorvilus

Third Place: *Fuerza Cuba!*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Stephanie Velasquez, Shelly Wu

Honorable Mention: *The Curtains of Change: The Rise and Renovation of Norwich Theater*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Stella Merfeld, Aleigh Topalis

Category: Senior Group Performance

First Place: *It Never Stops Speaking: Black Women, Revolution, Reaction, and the Fight for Freedom*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: A'Charee Sampson, Abigail Gaspard, Christiza Lustin

Second Place: *How McDonalds Revolutionized The Food Industry?*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Ty Maurice, Josh Lavoie, Nicholas Vegliante

Category: Senior Individual Website

First Place: *Cut the Cable! Severing Communications in the Spanish-American War. (And Beyond)*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Charles Langlais

Second Place: *Henry Knox and the Train of Artillery*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Student: Abigail Wilkinson

Category: Senior Group Website

First Place: *Building the Atomic Age: How the Manhattan Project's Chemistry Revolutionized American Industry and Technology*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Tenzin Choesang, Ryan Baxter

Second Place: *A Legal Fight for Civil Justice: The Legacy of the Amistad Trial*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Ana Cuevas, Carina Cisneros

Third Place: *Journey to the East: The Founding of New York's Chinatown*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Isabella Tan, Cindy Li

Honorable Mention: *The Foreign Miners Tax of 1850*

School: (Norwich, CT) Norwich Free Academy

Students: Kevin Chen, Jay Patel