

Connecticut History Day
2026 Torrington Regional Contest Results

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: *The 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom: How the Reactions to this Revolution Reformed American Society*

School: (West Hartford, CT) Sedgwick Middle School

Student: Emilie Mathieu

Second Place: *Betrayal, Dehumanization, and Devastation: How the Guatemala Syphilis Experiments Revolutionized Bioethics through Global Reaction and Reform*

School: (Avon, CT) Talcott Mountain Academy

Student: Dean Raptis

Third Place: *Nation of Red: How the Chinese Communist Party Silenced and Manipulated Society to Conform to their Standards*

School: (West Hartford) CT, King Philip Middle School

Student: Ema He

Honorable Mention: *The Fire That Never Dies: The Tragedy of Centralia*

School: (Avon, CT) Talcott Mountain Academy

Student: Lincoln Taylor

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place: *Industrial Democracy: The Wagner Act – Labor’s Magna Carta*

School: (Woodbridge, CT) Amity Middle School

Student: Aarit Vilekar

Second Place: *Ignaz Semmelweis: A Health and Hygiene Hero*

School: (West Hartford, CT) Sedgwick Middle School

Students: Harper Lynch

Third Place: *Just Dance to the Disco Beat: Social Revolution and Reaction in the Disco Movement*

School: (New Hartford, CT) Carter Homeschool

Students: Beatrice Carter

Honorable Mention: *The Salem Witch Trials: The Spread of Suspicion*

School: (Torrington, CT) Torrington Middle School

Students: Ania Szewczak

Category: [Junior Group Exhibit](#)

First Place: *Sojourner's Battle Against the Unfair Judgement*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Students: Angela Jos, Alahna Williams, Alexandra Garcia

Second Place: *The French resistances' involvement in D-day, and how they changed the tide of the war*

School: (Farmington, CT) Irving A. Robbins Middle School

Students: Niramay Rajesh Kumar, Purna Parankusham

Third Place: *From Rebellion to Remembrance: How Canboulay Sparked a Cultural Revolution in Trinidad*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Students: Tatiana Tello, Savannah Olenik, Jordi Mercado

Honorable Mention: *Radiant Lies, Relentless Truth: The Radium Girls Story*

School: (West Hartford, CT) King Philip Middle School

Students: Elizabeth Fournier, Lena Stange

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: *One Door, One Stand, One Nation Changed: The Desegregation of the University of Alabama*

School: (Avon, CT) Talcott Mountain Academy

Student: Raji Doshi

Second Place: *Jazz Across Borders: The Cultural Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of Jazz's Globalization*

School: (West Hartford, CT) Sedgwick Middle School

Student: Kamran Batchelder

Third Place: *The Fight of the Red Flower*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Student: Victoria Costa

Honorable Mention: *Connecticut Water Pollution Through the 19th and 20th Century*

School: (Torrington, CT) Roton Middle School

Student: Ethan Chhit

Category: Junior Group Documentary

First Place: *How corsets affected Women in the UK*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Students: Sophia Abba-Aviles, Gabriela Soto, Jamila Cordova

Second Place: *The Globalization of the National Basketball Association*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Students: Tyler Ballard, Miguel Martins

Third Place: *The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki forever changed the world*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Students: Nicolas Urena, Breyden Bencosme

Honorable Mention: *The Bicycle Boom*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Students: Ariana Morais, Graci Windebank, Dahlia Berrezueta

Category: Junior Individual Performance

First Place: *James Curtis Hepburn; The Man that Changed Japan for All*

School: (Torrington, CT) Torrington Middle School

Student: Lam Khuu

Second Place: *Dearest Anne; Anne Boleyn The Queen Who Changed History.*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Student: Riley McGrath

Category: Junior Individual Website

First Place: *The Discovery of Insulin and its Reforms*

School: (Avon, CT) Talcott Mountain Academy

Student: Nikhil Krishnamurthy

Second Place: *The Telegraph and the Birth of Instant Communication*

School: (Torrington, CT) Torrington Middle School

Student: Sunjay Perera

Third Place: *How did the Impressionist Movement Affect Modern day Art?*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Student: Leah Peralta

Honorable Mention: *The Partition of India*

School: (Farmington, CT) Irving A. Robbins Middle School

Student: Smruthi Kamakshi Vemuri

Category: Junior Group Website

First Place: *The Segregation and Integration during the Civil Rights Movement*

School: (West Hartford, CT) King Philip Middle School

Students: Helena Wise, Aaliya Lal, Grace Tam

Second Place: *The Haitian Revolution: The French influence, the reaction, And Legacy*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Students: Iker Paltin, Joseph Roberts

Third Place: *The Mini Skirt*

School: (Danbury, CT) Westside Middle School Academy

Students: Theodora Amperidis, Janelly Piedra

Honorable Mention: *Women's Rights to Vote*

School: (Farmington, CT) Irving A. Robbins Middle School

Students: Raven Herrand, Anna Cocomo

Category: Junior Group Performance

First Place: *John Conolly and Hanwell Asylum: A Revolution in Mental Health Care*

School: (West Hartford) CT, Sedgwick Middle School

Students: Sufiya Khan, Jayden Malla, Nina Moscardi Rowe

Second Place: *From Medical Authority to Legal Accountability: The Nuremberg Doctors' Trial and the transformation of Medical Ethics*

School: (Winsted, CT) Torrington Middle School

Students: Sophia Ficke, Kaitlin Amato, Liam MacDonald, Maya Gamari, Marcus Tomas

Third Place: *Coven of the Connecticut Witches*

School: (West Hartford, CT) Sedgwick Middle School

Students: Mae Monteith, Stella Nester, Madeleine Wik, Aya Hamaoka

Honorable Mention: *Conneticut Witchtrials: The Weight of Accusation*

School: (Torrington, CT) Torrington Middle School

Students: Alexander Grant, Taegan Domain, Maximus St. Germain, Nora Kovacs

Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

First Place: *HeLa Cells and the Ethical Evolution of Modern Medicine*

School: (Lakeville, CT) The Hotchkiss School

Student: Arya Samat

Second Place: *"Hang, Curs, Hang!": The Reconstruction Acts, Black Civic Reforms, and Reactionary Southern Extremism*

School: (West Hartford, CT) Hall High School

Student: Ethan Zimmer

Third Place: *Vaccination, Power, and Policy: Smallpox, Federal Authority, and Inequality in Early America*

School: (Lakeville, CT) The Hotchkiss School

Student: Sungyun Kim

Honorable Mention: *The Triffin Dilemma in the Real de Ocho*

School: (Farmington, CT) Miss Porter's School

Student: Jingyan Hu

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: *"Yesterday Timișoara, Today Bucharest." How the Romanian Revolution of 1989 led to the fall of a communist regime, the creation of new reforms and a better future for the Romanian people*

School: (West Hartford, CT) Conard High School

Student: Annabelle Brooks

Second Place: *"We Want Bread And Roses Too"; Revolution, Reaction and Reform in the Bread and Roses Strike of 1912*

School: (West Hartford, CT) Conard High School

Student: Anna Small

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

First Place: *Failed Reform: Eugenics and Modern Perception*

School: (Unionville, CT) Farmington High School

Students: Chenmiao Qiu, Sofia Cardenas Bonilla

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: *From Jungle to Reform: The Birth of Federal Food Safety in America*

School: (Lakeville, CT) The Hotchkiss School

Student: Crystal Pang

Second Place: *Eleanor Roosevelt: Reforming Human Rights in an Age of Crisis*

School: (West Hartford, CT) Conard High School

Student: Luke Kalke

Third Place: *Opening the Schoolhouse Doors: Brown v. Board of Education*

School: (Farmington, CT) Farmington High School

Student: Lauren Rock

Category: Senior Group Documentary

First Place: *Il Banco Dei Medici: How One Finance Family Changed It All*

School: (Hartford, CT) Farmington High School

Students: Ferran Ruiz, Kostas Rakevicius, Jayden Hardy

Second Place: *The Black Panther Party: Reform Born From Resistance*

School: (Farmington, CT) Farmington High School

Students: Jessica Choung, Maya Kutz, Raaga Satyavarapu

Third Place: *French New Wave: The Film Movement that Changed it All*

School: (Farmington, CT) Farmington High School

Students: Martina Bloch, Mikela Dedndrea

Category: Senior Individual Website

First Place: *Factories, Fury, and Federal Reform: Child Labor in the Industrial Age*

School: (Unionville, CT) Farmington High School

Student: Alexandra Czyz