

**Connecticut History Day  
2026 State 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: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Emilie Mathieu

**Second Place:** *An Gorta Mor*

School: Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Gerald Holland

**Third Place:** *Betrayal, Dehumanization, and Devastation: How the Guatemala Syphilis Experiments Ignited a Revolution in Human Rights through International Reaction and Bioethical Reform*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy (West Hartford)

Student: Konstantinos Raptis

**Category: Junior Individual Exhibit**

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

School: Amity Middle School (Bethany)

Student: Aarit Vilekar

**Second Place:** *George W. Coy: A Revolution in Telecommunication*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Mishka Sahoo

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

School: Bedford Middle School (Westport)

Student: Sofia Farquhar

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *A Teaching Revolution: The Creation of ABA Therapy*

School: Center School (Ellington)

Students: Cameron Smith, Amelia Winn

**Second Place:** *"Once Seen, Never Forgotten;" How the Revolutionary Coney Island Incubator Babies Reformed Neonatal Care*

School: Ellington Middle School

Students: Katie Smith, Julianne Pashe

**Third Place:** *Sojourner Truth: The Revolution Of Justice Through One Voice*

School: Westside Middle School Academy (Danbury)

Students: Angela Jos, Alahna Williams, Alexandra Garcia

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

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

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Kamran Batchelder

**Second Place:** *Flowers over Force: A Peaceful Uprising that Changed a Nation*

School: Westside Middle School Academy (Danbury)

Student: Victoria Costa

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

School: Worthington Hooker School (New Haven)

Student: Daelen Dinkler

Category: Junior Group Documentary

**First Place (Brayfield Award):** *Securing America's Future: The Story Of The Social Security Act*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Students: Vivaan Pandey, Vyom Kadegaonkar

**Second Place:** *Back From The Dead: The Surgery That Redefined Life and Death*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Students: Aryahi Chavadi, Yissa Lin

**Third Place:** *The Fall of the Berlin Wall*

School: Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Students: Broderick Morris, Jackson Chapps

**Category: Junior Individual Performance**

**First Place (Wayne Smith Memorial Award):** *The Mother of Pediatric Cardiology; Helen Brooke Taussig and the Blue Baby Breakthrough*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Shreenika Patil

**Second Place:** *The Chicago Tylenol Murders*

School: Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Student: Kate Scheckwitz

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

School: Pine Point School (Stonington)

Student: Ginger Cameron

**Category: Junior Group Performance**

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

School: Coleytown Middle School (Westport)

Students: Brandon Sheefel, Olivia Duran

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

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Students: Sufiya Khan, Jayden Malla, Nina Moscardi Rowe

**Third Place:** *Coven of the Connecticut Witches*

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

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

**Category:** [Junior Individual Website](#)

**First Place:** *Radical Reforms, Ruthless Reactions, and a Nation Rewritten: How the Cultural Revolution Reshaped China Forever*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Aarna Jaggi

**Second Place:** *The Day The Sun Took Center Stage: Copernicus' Silent Revolution and the Collapse of an Old Cosmos*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Student: Aaron Aldrin

**Third Place:** *The 32-Hour Blockade: A Revolutionary Stand for Reform*

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Student: Afsa Raja

**Category:** [Junior Group Website](#)

**First Place:** *A Prescription for Revolutionary Transformation: How Reactions to the Thalidomide Crisis Catalyzed Global Reform*

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Salma Hassan, Sohyla Hassan

**Second Place:** *Silent Spring: The Book that Revolutionized the United States Understanding of Pesticides*

School: Timothy Edwards School (South Windsor)

Students: Sharanya Harish, Thanusha Balasaravanan

**Third Place:** *The Road to Desegregated Education During the Civil Rights Movement*

School: King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

Students: Helena Wise, Aaliya Lal, Grace Tam

### Senior Division

#### Category: Senior Papers

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

School: Greenwich High School

Student: Tyler Malkin

**Second Place:** *The Railway that Toppled the State: The Sichuan Railway Protection Movement and China's Gentry-State Rupture of 1911*

School: Loomis Chaffee School (Windsor)

Student: Ruopan Song

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

School: Amity Regional High School (Orange)

Student: Luca DiSorbo

#### Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

**First Place:** *"Yesterday Timisoara, Today Bucharest:" Revolution, Reaction and Reform in the Romanian Revolution of 1989.*

School: Conard High School (West Hartford)

Student: Annabelle Brooks

**Second Place:** *Progress, Backlash, and Denial: The Tulsa Race Massacre through the Lens of Revolution, Reaction, and Reform*

School: High School In The Community (New Haven)

Student: Mya Stettinger

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

School: Conard High School (West Hartford)

Student: Anna Small

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *Vietnam-The Televised War*

School: Rockville High School (Vernon)

Student: Jacob Brown, Charles Guida

**Second Place:** *Grains of Wrath: How the Bengal Famine of 1943 Fed Reaction, Reform, and Revolution.*

School: High School In The Community (New Haven)

Student: Janu Patel, Priya Patel

**Third Place:** *Willowbrook: Reforming Disability Care*

School: Norwich Free Academy

Student: Haley Bryant, Leyicet Rodriguez

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:** *In Small Spaces*

School: Conard High School (West Hartford)

Student: Luke Kalke

**Third Place:** *Benjamin Franklin's Lightning Rod--a Legend of Independence*

School: Hamden Hall Country Day School

Student: Amy Zhou

Category: Senior Group Documentary

**First Place:** *A Trial of Principles: Prudence Crandall's Case for Education and the Legal Foundation of American Civil Rights*

School: Engineering - Science University Magnet School (Seymour)

Students: Sahana Bhandary-Alexander, Titiladeoluwa Adeniran

**Second Place:** *Kneeling for Justice: The Carville's Sit-in*

School: South Windsor High School

Students: Yohan Varghese, Disha Hosamani, Aaron Cherian, Annabel Ambooken, Abigail Ambooken

**Third Place:** *The Great Sanitary Revolution: How Germ Theory Fought Death and Pioneered the Modern Medical Field*

School: Enfield High School

Students: Madison Gourley, Emily Gourley

Category: Senior Individual Performance

**First Place (Wayne Smith Memorial Award):** *Mary Wollstonecraft: The First Women's Right Advocate*

School: South Windsor High School

Student: Rayna Reed

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

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Maia Stiegler

**Third Place:** *We the Subscribers: How the Connecticut Courant Championed the Call for the American Revolution*

School: South Windsor High School

Students: Asmi Kulkarni

Category: Senior Group Performance

**First Place:** *Socrates' Trials & Death*

School: South Windsor High School

Student: Hasini Kasam, Shriya Prem

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

School: Norwich Free Academy

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

**Third Place:** *Uprising of the 20,000 - The Catalyst For Working Women*

School: Hamden Hall Country Day School

Students: Sunny Kim, Audrey Kim

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**First Place:** *"The Miracle Drug": A Scientific Revolution that Triggered Humanitarian Reaction and Medical Reform*

School: Madina Academy (Windsor)

Students: Noor Hassan

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

School: Choate Rosemary Hall (Wallingford)

Students: Alexis Lee

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

School: Farmington High School

Students: Alexandra Czyz

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: Westover School (Middlebury)

Students: Yingxue Wang, Ha Nguyen, Erin Jung

**Second Place:** *A Flame Still Burning: How the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Fueled Labor Reform*

School: South Windsor High School

Students: Lana Kim, Astha Tripathy

**Third Place:** *Indian Rebellion of 1857*

School: South Windsor High School

Students: Aanya Shah, Tanvi Mishra, Joann Varghese, Nikshita Sree  
Ganesh Kumar