

**Connecticut History Day**  
**2024 Torrington Regional Contest Results**

Junior Division

**Category: Junior Papers**

**First Place:** *The Haitian Revolution: A Turning Point in History*

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Emilie Mathieu

**Second Place:** *2004 The Rise of Social Media: How Meta was a Turning Point for the Worse*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy (Avon)

Student: Arya Samat

**Third Place:** *Horace Wells: Pioneer of Anesthesia*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Student: Jese Joaquin

**Honorable Mention:** *Robotic Surgery*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Student: Lenin Tejada-Hernandez

**Category: Junior Individual Exhibit**

**First Place:** *The Fall of the Whaling Industry in New England; A Turning Point in Energy*

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Anna Small

**Second Place:** *The 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake - How it Changed Lives and Society*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy (Avon)

Student: Oliver Lind

**Third Place:** *The Fall of the Tailoring business; A Turning Point in Manufacturing*

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Annabelle Brooks

**Honorable Mention:** *The Stonewall Riots*

School: Har-Bur Middle School (Burlington)

Student: Kennedy Jansen

**Category:** Junior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *The first nuclear weapon*

School: ACES at Chase (Waterbury)

Students: Autumn Nunes, Kaylee Henry, Brithany Bota, Jamani Izquierdo

**Second Place:** *Anna Louise James Breaking the Barrier in the Medical Field*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Students: Alexiana Rinaldi, Emma Conway

**Third Place:** *9/11 impact on America*

School: King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

Students: Matthew Alzamora, Luke Lemanski

**Honorable Mention:** *Title IX - Changing the lives of Women and Children*

School: Har-Bur Middle School (Burlington)

Students: Peyton Jansen, Anne Eckler

**Category:** Junior Individual Documentary

**First Place:** *The Pentagon Papers*

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Dharini Luthra

**Second Place:** *Warner Brothers Corset Company*

School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School (Farmington)

Student: Jessica Choung

**Third Place:** *The Battle of Stalingrad: The Battle that Changed the World*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy (Avon)

Student: Kwabena Addai- Boateng

**Honorable Mention:** *Why 9/11 was a turning point in history*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy (Avon)

Student: Oliver Fitzgerald

**Category:** *Junior Group Documentary*

**First Place:** *The Fall of the Western Roman Empire*

School: King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

Students: Sofia Jeanes, Charlie Burke, Aurora Bahmanpour

**Second Place:** *9/11*

School: Salisbury Central School (Salisbury)

Students: Vincent Valcin, Michael Parris

**Third Place:** *Animation Studios*

School: Salisbury Central School (Salisbury)

Students: Lily Clark, Cole Johnson

**Honorable Mention:** *How were the September 11 attacks a turning point in American History?*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Students: Gaige Gawrych, Diego Flores

**Category: Junior Individual Performance**

**First Place:** *The 1992 Rubber Duck Catastrophe and Ocean Current Research*

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Sam Warren

**Second Place:** *John Brown and his Turning Point for Abolition*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Student: Michael Ahlman

**Category: Junior Group Performance**

**First Place:** *The Hartford Circus Fire; Sparking a Change*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Students: Dylan Juliano, Owen Miller, Thomas Hagymasi, Avery Mazzacane, Cali Hoehne

**Second Place:** *Fight for Rights: How the Seneca Falls Convention was the Catalyst of the Women's Rights Movement*

School: ACES at Chase (Waterbury)

Students: Aishi Nimmagadda, Gianna Barbosa, Athena Petrakopoulos, Giuliana Mcweeney

**Category: Junior Individual Website**

**First Place:** *"Never mind your fingers": The Matchgirl's Strike of 1888*

School: Sedgwick Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Caroline Wentland

**Second Place:** *The Black Plague*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Student: Lucas Ercoli

**Third Place:** *The Renaissance*

School: King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

Student: Eugenia Dongyeng

**Honorable Mention:** *Jim Crow Laws Turning Point for African Americans*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Student: Ethan Chhit

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**First Place:** *The Nuremberg Trials*

School: Torrington Middle School (Torrington)

Students: Julia Lopez, Lily Artuc

**Second Place:** *Malala Yousafzai: The Fight for Women's Education*

School: ACES at Chase (Waterbury)

Students: Jackson Delaney, Sariah Whidbee, Mila Ali, Jazmin Alves

**Third Place:** *Space Race*

School: King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

Students: Matthew Li, Leah Zheng, Riya Parekh, Ava Lam

**Honorable Mention:** *The Children's Crusade*

School: King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

Students: Abigail McIntyre, Kaylani Yllescas, Juetzzy Cruz, Gabriela Alama

## Senior Division

### Category: Senior Papers

**First Place:** *Submerged in Revolution: The Ambivalent Struggles of Modern China's Zhiquing Generation*

School: The Hotchkiss School (Lakeville)

Student: Jingxuan Lin

**Second Place:** *Anne Hutchinson: The first American Feminist*

School: The Taft School (Watertown)

Student: Sally Higgins

**Third Place:** *How Second Wave Feminism, Youth Culture, and the Marketing Company Era Shaped Seventeen Magazine*

School: The Hotchkiss School (Lakeville)

Student: Ellis Chung

**Honorable Mention:** *Celluloid Revolution: The Transformative Role of Film in Propaganda and Entertainment*

School: Farmington High school (Farmington)

Student: Martina Bloch

### Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

**First Place:** *Nam June Paik and the Invention of the Internet*

School: The Hotchkiss School (Lakeville)

Student: Aaliyah Wang

**Second Place:** *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*

School: Conard High School (West Hartford)

Student: Neila Feeney

**Third Place:** *The Great Flood of 1936's Impact on FDR's 1936 Flood Control Act*

School: Conard High School (West Hartford)

Student: Hannah Dyjak

**Category:** Senior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *Silent Victims turned Glowing Corpses*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Students: Rawan Ibrahim, Anjna Goswami, Lakshmi Parankusham

**Second Place:** *The Fall of the Roman Empire*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Students: Shayna Gangisetty, Sahasra Ravuri, Rhea Das

**Category:** Senior Individual Documentary

**First Place:** *CRISPR and Doudna's Discovery: A Turning Point in Medical History for Gene Editing*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Student: Rhea Doshi

**Second Place:** *Pong*

School: Conard High School (West Hartford)

Student: Claire Flynn

**Category:** Senior Group Documentary

**First Place:** *Dictatorship to Democracy: How the Death of Franco and the Rise of Juan Carlos led to a Democratic Spain*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Students: Ferran Ruiz, Kostas Rakevicius

**Second Place:** *Blaze to Betterment: How the Shirtwaist Factory Fire of 1911 Paved the Way for Labor Reformation*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Students: Irene Cho, Mikela Dedndrea

**Third Place:** *The Arms Race*

School: South Windsor High School (South Windsor)

Students: Mohnish Srivatsav, Samarth Masarur, Aditya Patel

Category: Senior Group Performance

**First Place:** *Beyond the Boundaries of the Human and Feminist World*

School: Staples High School (Westport)

Students: Chloe Jordan, Sienna Wearsch

Category: Senior Individual Website

**First Place:** *Harriet Beecher Stowe: Pen to Power*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Student: Alexandra Czyz

**Second Place:** *Catholic Martyrs of Podlasie: A Turning Point in the Fall of Communism in Europe*

School: Torrington High School (Torrington)

Student: Thomas Suchowolec

Category: Senior Group Website

**First Place:** *The Hartford Circus Fire of 1944: How One Fire Became a Turning Point for Safety Protocols in the Industry*

School: Farmington High School (Farmington)

Students: Jane Guay, Jwalitha Nareddy, Selina Shi, Jiayi Liu

**Second Place:** *Unleashing the Industrial Revolution*

School: South Windsor High School (South Windsor)

Students: Nivaen Giritharan, Akshaj Nadimpali, Goutham Rao  
Dhenuvakonda