

**Connecticut History Day
2025 Fairfield Regional Contest Results**

Junior Division

Category: Junior Papers

First Place: *Louisa May Alcott's Little Women and Feminism*

School: Fairfield Woods Middle School [Fairfield]

Student: Sarah Terrell

Second Place: *The Rights and Responsibilities of Human-Subject Research: Through the Lens of Dr. Mengele's Experiments*

School: Tomlinson Middle School [Fairfield]

Student: Aarav Sahu

Third Place: *Harvey Milk: A Voice for Equality, A Responsibility for Change*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Student: Zayd Hemdan

Honorable Mention: *Susan B. Anthony and her great works*

School: Concord Magnet School [Norwalk]

Student: Ishnoor Kaur

Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place: *The Scopes Trial: Rights and Responsibilities in Education*

School: Bedford Middle School [Wesport]

Student: Avery Hand

Second Place: *HUELGA! How the Delano Grape Strike Impacted Government Responsibility and Labor Rights in America*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Student: Eugene Dupa

Third Place: *Richard Nixon and the Watergate Scandal*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Student: Hanna Calandro

Honorable Mention: *The Radium Girls*

School: Nathan Hale Middle School [Norwalk]

Student: Maya Tawadros

Category: Junior Group Exhibit

First Place: *The Lavender Scare*

School: Scotts Ridge Middle School [Ridgefield]

Students: Nicole Civale, Bibi Madeira

Second Place: *Clay V. USA*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Students: Hugh Devine, Arjun Aujla

Third Place: *FDR and the Four Freedoms Speech*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Students: Serena Beitel, Charlotte Worraker

Honorable Mention: *Margaret Sanger and Birth Control*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Students: Juliette Newshel, Katharina Boenicke, Lilly Bromberg

Category: Junior Individual Documentary

First Place: *How Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Advanced Womens' Rights in the Workplace*

School: Coleytown Middle School [Westport]

Student: Zoe Abrams

Second Place: *I'm Lovin' It: The Joyful Slogan that Conceals the Irresponsibility of Corporate Companies and Violation of American Rights*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Student: Summer McDonald

Third Place: *Rebel, Rebel: David Bowie and the First Amendment*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Student: Penelope Whitbourne

Honorable Mention: *Isolated in Camps: The Failure to Protect American Civil Rights and the Responsibility of Keeping them Safe*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Student: Sofia Crowley

Category: Junior Group Documentary

First Place: *1970 Kent State Shooting and the Effect on America*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Students: Ashley Charise, Maia Steigler, Janaki Velugula

Second Place: *Burning Injustice: The Match Girls Strike, Workers Rights and Corporate Responsibility*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Students: Charlie DePanfilis, Louella Strickland

Third Place: *The Tylenol Murders of 1982: The Responsibility of the Company to Protect the Right of their Consumers*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Students: Grayson Cutler, Grace Weglian

Honorable Mention: *Freddie Mercury and Queen*

School: Fairfield Woods Middle School [Fairfield]

Students: Matthew Colon, Owen Deeney

Category: Junior Individual Performance

First Place: *History of the Amber Alert*

School: Concord Magnet School [Norwalk]

Student: Shanel Hall-Reyes

Category: Junior Group Performance

First Place: *The Russian Revolution: The Fight for Rights*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Students: Noelle Johnson, Emma Duffy

Second Place: *From Trust to Tragedy: The Thalidomide Disaster and the Responsibility to Protect Human Rights*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Students: Paige Turnbull, Reiko Nagata, Charlotte Carkey

Category: Junior Individual Website

First Place: *Order 9066, Why it happened, who it affected, and What it impacted*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Student: Evie Sloan

Second Place: *Tinker v. Des Moines: The Case That Paved the Way for Freedom of Speech in Public Schools*

School: West Rocks Middle School [Norwalk]

Student: Nathan Rinaldi

Third Place: *Emancipation Proclamation: The Document That Changed History*

School: Ponus Ridge Middle School [Norwalk]

Student: Sadika Ilma

Honorable Mention: *Plessy V. Ferguson: Separate But Not Equal*

School: Bedford Middle School [Westport]

Student: Alex Jiang

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First Place: *Rights, Responsibilities and Repercussions: Unveiling the Dark Legacy of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Students: Kylie McCoy, Leah Rose Funke, Asha Nangea, Abigail Igoe

Second Place: *The 1937 Elixir Sulfanilamide Tragedy: A Violation of Rights and Failed Corporate Responsibility*

School: Roton Middle School [Norwalk]

Students: Alexander Donaldson, Filip Bober, Hunter Kerins, Logan Caputo

Third Place: *Rescuing POWs: Henry Mucci and the Great Raid*

School: Fairfield Woods Middle School [Fairfield]

Students: Benjamin Chacon, Keller Landino

Honorable Mention: *The Rights & Responsibilities of Pope John Paul*

School: Concord Magnet School [Norwalk]

Students: Travis Hiscock, Kevin Fleming

Senior Division

Category: Senior Papers

First Place: *A Long Fought Battle: Agent Orange, Soldiers' Rights, and the Government's Responsibility*

School: Wilton High School [Wilton]

Student: Avner Wilson-Spiro

Second Place: *The Cost of Deregulation: How the Failure to Balance Rights and Responsibilities Led to the 2008 Financial Crisis*

School: Darien High School [Darien]

Student: Kai Collins

Third Place: *Poet and Prophet: How Bob Dylan and Folk Music Brought The Message of Civil Rights and Freedom Movements to the Masses*

School: Brunswick School [Greenwich]

Student: Benjamin Burgess

Honorable Mention: *The Radium Girls: A Critical Lesson for Employers in Worker Safety*

School: The Academy of Information Technology [Stamford]

Student: Toni Brown

Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place: *Time of Change for All People [Not Including Some]*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Student: Katie Siebel

Second Place: *Women's Suffrage*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Student: Gioia Brown

Third Place: *The Rise of Plebians in Roman Society due to The Twelve Tables*

School: Sacred Heart Greenwich [Greenwich]

Student: Ruby Boeding

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

First Place: *The White Rose: How Student Activists Redefined Nonviolent Youth Resistance*

School: Staples High School [Westport]

Students: Amelia Berkowitz, Jori Altman

Second Place: *Guantanamo Bay: Security Measures at the Cost of Rights*

School: Brunswick School [Greenwich]

Students: Max Stabinsky, Justo Iraola

Third Place: *COINTELPRO: The FBI's Hidden Agenda*

School: Staples High School [Westport]

Students: Jessica Anderson, Siri Klassen, Maddie Sine

Honorable Mention: *From Mink to Millions: Bridging the Gender Divide Between Opposition and Opportunity*

School: Staples High School [Westport]

Students: Alexa Beyda, Maddie Gray, Alexa Wolff

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

First Place: *The Copyright Act of 1909: Balancing Rights and Responsibilities*

School: The Academy of Information Technology [Stamford]

Student: Jason Chien

Second Place: *WWII and the Birth of Human Rights*

School: Staples High School [Westport]

Student: Brendan Whitbourne

Third Place: *Title IX: Shaping America Through Women's Rights*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Student: Arya Pelletier

Honorable Mention: *Justice Sandra Day O'Connor*

School: The Academy of Information Technology [Stamford]

Student: Jessica Sharma

Category: Senior Group Documentary

First Place: *Olympe de Gouges: The Start of the Fight for Gender Equality*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Students: Alice Beacham, Anna Ciardi

Second Place: *Voices of Empowerment: Women's Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities in the Harlem Renaissance*

School: Staples High School [Westport]

Students: Juliet Cutler, Gavin Jamali

Third Place: *Stepping Up to the Plate: Jackie Robinson's Impact in the Fight for Civil Rights*

School: Staples High School [Westport]

Students: Sam Viner, Emm Himes, Ethan Selva

Honorable Mention: *The Rights and Responsibilities of 9-11*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Students: Ines Matitia, Skelly Lewis

Category: Senior Individual Website

First Place: *A Nation's Neglect: America's Initial Treatment of Chinese Immigrants*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Student: Elaine Cheng

Second Place: *The Rise of Girl Scouts and the Increasing Approval of the Women's Rights Movement*

School: The Academy of Information Technology [Stamford]

Student: Grace DiGiacomo

Third Place: *Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire*

School: The Academy of Information Technology [Stamford]

Student: Kavin Gnanavel

Honorable Mention: *The Little Rock Nine*

School: Brunswick School [Greenwich]

Student: Ryder Swenson

Category: Senior Group Website

First Place: *Roe v. Wade*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Students: Ella Fessenden, Ashley Presser

Second Place: *The Cold War*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Students: Téa Licon, Riley Scollans

Third Place: *Loving v. Virginia: Gaining the Fundamental Right of Interracial Marriage*

School: Greenwich Academy [Greenwich]

Students: Aya Ragab, Hadley Stockton

Honorable Mention: *NCAA Sanity Code*

School: Brunswick School [Greenwich]

Students: Chase Nook, Brendan Robinson