

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

Junior Division

**Category: Junior Papers**

**First Place:** *The Chinese Exclusion Act: The First Significant Law Restricting Immigration Into The United States*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Mysha Husain

**Second Place:** *Don't Call Her a Business Woman; Call Her a Woman in Business: Beatrice Fox Auerbach's Pioneering View of Rights and Responsibilities in Business*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Lillian Magnoli

**Third Place:** *Trapped Behind Toxic Walls: Love Canal, Lois Gibbs, and the Fight for Those Who Wanted to be Heard*

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School [Enfield]

Student: Autumn Clark

**Honorable Mention:** *Chaplinsky vs. New Hampshire: How an Obscure Case Changed the Rights and Responsibilities of Free Speech*

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School [Enfield]

Student: Austin Dufour

**Category: Junior Individual Exhibit**

**First Place:** *Shuffle Along: How One Musical Changed the Broadway World Forever*

School: Mansfield Middle School [Mansfield]

Student: Willow O'Brien

**Second Place:** *Native American Boarding Schools*

School: Vernon Center Middle School [Vernon]

Student: Madison Gordon

**Third Place:** *Love Canal: The Tragedy that Changed Environmental Rights and Responsibilities Forever*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Yissa Lin

**Honorable Mention:** *The Great Hartford Circus Fire of 1944*

School: Sage Park Middle School [Windsor]

Student: Lyla Daly

[Category: Junior Group Exhibit](#)

**First Place:** *The Union Army's Duty: Upholding Freedom Through the Emancipation Proclamation*

School: Carmen Arace Middle School [Bloomfield]

Students: Lenny Reyes, Javen Gamble

**Second Place:** *Civilian Public Service Camps: The Compromise Between Personal Rights and National Responsibility*

School: Ellington Middle School [Ellington]

Students: Julianne Pashe, Katie Smith

**Third Place:** *The American Revolution*

School: Carmen Arace Intermediate School [Bloomfield]

Students: Tressanne Stanberry, Layan Yaye

**Honorable Mention:** *Love Canal: The Establishment of Responsibilities and the Extraordinary Fight for the Residential Rights in Niagara Falls*

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School [Enfield]

Students: Brianna Blanton, Kalina Kurgan

**Category: Junior Individual Documentary**

**First Place:** *The Tinker Armband Protest: Striking a Balance Between Student Free Speech Rights and School Responsibilities*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Ishanvi Mohapatra

**Second Place:** *A Story of Establishing Influence: How Jane Addams' Placement of Women in Society Brought Them a New Sense of Purpose and Respect*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Sanvi Tiwari

**Third Place:** *HeLa Cells: Rights of Patients and Responsibilities of Medical Researchers*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Aryahi Chavadi

**Honorable Mention:** *Grace Lee Boggs: A Life of Advocacy for the Rights of Asian Americans*

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School [Enfield]

Student: Azedeen Mounir

**Category: Junior Group Documentary**

**First Place:** *Shays' Rebellion: The Uprising That Shaped A Nation*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Students: Vyom Kadegaonkar, Vivaan Pandey

**Second Place:** *Judging History: The Nuremberg Trials*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Students: Yilin Lin, Joanna Halle

**Third Place:** *Miranda Matters: A Revolution in Rights and Responsibilities*

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School [Enfield]

Students: Gracie Rose, Isabela Rodriguez Gil

**Honorable Mention:** *Women's Labor & Legacy in Massachusetts' Industrial Revolution*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Students: Onelis Ramirez, Yahvi Bhandari

**Category:** Junior Individual Performance

**First Place:** *Tennis Trailblazer; Life of Althea Gibson*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Apsara Shetty

**Second Place:** *Child Labor, a necessity to humanity, or a human right violation?*

School: Timothy Edward School [South Windsor]

Student: Aadya Yadav

**Category:** Junior Group Performance

**First Place:** *Jackie McLean: The Addict who Lost his Rights to Play his Music for Others*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Students: Kurtis Balling, Mathieu Lydecker

**Category:** Junior Individual Website

**First Place:** *The Legacy of Asilomar '75: The Debate that Forged the Rights and Responsibilities for the Future of Life*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Aaron Aldrin

**Second Place:** *A Line in the Sand, A River of Blood: The Partition That Stole Millions of Rights*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Aarna Jaggi

**Third Place:** *The GI Bill: A Gateway for United States Veterans*

School: Ellington Middle School [Ellington]

Student: Jacob Kline

**Honorable Mention:** *The Third Reich and the Acts of 1933; The Results of This on the German People*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Student: Arthit Bakshi

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

**First Place:** *From the Shadows to the Streets: Harvey Milk and the Fight for Gay Rights*

School: John F. Kennedy Middle School [Enfield]

Students: Amber Asher, Auden Rodriguez

**Second Place:** *Lucy Burns - Attaining Women's Right to Vote*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Students: Summer Rusczyk, Mishika Dixit

**Third Place:** *The Match Girls, the Match that Lit the Fire of Women's Workplace Rights*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Students: James Karr, Clara Preston

## Senior Division

### Category: Senior Papers

**First Place:** *The American Indian Movement's Self-Determination to Regain Tribal Sovereignty During the Wounded Knee Occupation of 1973*

School: Ellington High School [Ellington]

Student: Kaitlyn Powers

**Second Place:** *Parallel Destinies: The Struggle of the Chinese and Japanese Korean Diasporas for Recognition*

School: Loomis Chaffee School [Windsor]

Student: Anna Lim

**Third Place:** *Medicine and Morals: How the Nuremberg Code Protected the Rights of Patients While Defining the Responsibility of Physicians*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Student: Rachel Matthew

**Honorable Mention:** *Beyond Tradition: Gender Equality in Reforming Korean Inheritance Laws*

School: Loomis Chaffee School [Windsor]

Student: Olivia Koo

### Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

**First Place:** *The Wounded Knee Massacre: The Costs of Conflict and the Heartbreak of a Nation*

School: Manchester High School [Manchester]

Student: Katya Wright

**Second Place:** *Yee Shun and the Right to Testify: Systems of Injustice in the Justice System*

School: Ellington High School [Ellington]

Student: Emmett Smith

**Third Place:** *Sheff v. O'Neill*

School: Rockville High School [Vernon]

Student: Jacob Brown

**Honorable Mention:** *Disabled Rights*

School: Woodstock Academy [Woodstock]

Student: Noemia Amaral

Category: Senior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *"Rewarded by Death": How Operation Columba Exemplifies the Rights and Responsibilities of Civilians in Wartime*

School: E. O. Smith High School [Storrs]

Students: Amanda Zadnik, Simonne Thibeault

**Second Place:** *No Longer Forgotten and Forsaken: The Fight to Uphold the Constitutional Rights of Belchertown State School Residents*

School: Ellington High School [Ellington]

Students: Maya Zahner, Lauren Hoover, Kaitlin Laughlan

**Third Place:** *Milking Justice: Labor Rights and Responsibilities in the Great Milk War*

School: Windham Technical High School [Windham]

Students: Devin McMahon, Adrianna Vazquez, David Sanchez Rosales, Matthew Cranick, Kierra Busse

**Honorable Mention:** *From Treaties to Trauma: U.S. Obligations and the Lakota Struggle for Sovereignty*

School: Windham Technical High School [Windham]

Students: Brooke Lemire, Robin Kaminski

Category: Senior Individual Documentary

**First Place:** *Nina Simone: An Unchained Outcry for Justice*

School: Ellington High School [Ellington]

Student: Keisha Lorene Burce

**Second Place:** *Chasing Shadows: The Fight to End Albino Witch Hunts in Tanzania*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Student: Arushi Sharma

**Third Place:** *Beneath the Label: The Creation and Legacy of the FDA*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Student: Sahasraprithi Suriyakumarr

**Honorable Mention:** *The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act: Fighting to Hold the U.S. Government Accountable for 9/11 Workers' Rights*

School: Ellington High School [Ellington]

Student: Karla Greenwood

**Category:** Senior Group Documentary

**First Place:** *Tragedy in Tuskegee: How Exposing America's Hypocrisy Shaped the Rights and Responsibilities in Clinical Trials*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Students: Janai Shanmugam Jaisankar, Taruni Pendyala, Neelesh Sathish, Sanjay Rajan, Smriti Rajan

**Second Place:** *Murderous Medicine: How the Tuskegee Syphilis Study Pioneered Clinical Responsibility and Patient Rights*

School: Enfield High School [Enfield]

Students: Emily Gourley, Madison Gourley

**Third Place:** *After the Ashes: Evolving Rights and Responsibilities of Americans in the Wake of 9/11*

School: Windham Technical High School [Windham]

Students: Yarielis Ventura Calderon, Jeylis Rodriguez Morales



**Honorable Mention:** *Miranda Rights: Balancing Civil Liberties and Law Enforcement*

School: Windham Technical High School [Windham]

Students: Katia Dory, Hailey Andrews, Makenna Cunningham

**Category:** Senior Individual Performance

**First Place:** *Noor Inayat Khan: A Responsibility to Resist*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Student: Bhaavni Krishna

**Second Place:** *Yung Wing's Educational Revolution (1854 - 1881)*

School: Pomfret School [Pomfret]

Student: Manqiao Wang

**Third Place:** *The Palmer Raids*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Student: Asmi Kulkarni

**Honorable Mention:** *Victoria Woodhull: Ladies, Tell Your Husbands, Vote for Her!*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Student: Rayna R

**Category:** Senior Group Performance

**First Place:** *From California's Campuses to Communities: Asian Student Activists' Fight for Inclusivity*

School: E.O. Smith High School [Storrs]

Students: Kalyani Tihaiya, Mia Chen

**Second Place:** *Project MK-Ultra: The CIA's Secret Operation Which Defined the Line Between Ethics and National Security*

School: Staples High School [Westport]

Students: Ellie Arber, Sophia Sheng

**Third Place:** *Hilda Crosby Standish - A Timeline of Her Work for Reproductive Rights*

School: Manchester High school [Manchester]

Students: Parker Agresta, Shaelan Gara Grady

**Honorable Mention:** *A Toast to Inequality: Classism during the Prohibition Era*

School: E.O. Smith High School [Storrs]

Students: Nana Osei Bonsu, Isabella Peres, Andrea Liu, Elif Ozcakar

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

**First Place:** *Colonization by Citizenship: Puerto Rico and the Jones-Shafroth Act*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Student: Tom Melia

**Second Place:** *No Mail, Low Morale: How the Six Triple Eight Delivered Hope and Change*

School: Windsor High School [Windsor]

Student: Beardgee Augustin

**Third Place:** *The Trial That Shaped the World*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Student: Avaneesh Savkar

**Honorable Mention:** *The Responsibility of Power: The CIA, LSD, and MK-ULTRA*

School: E.O. Smith High School [Storrs]

Student: Esme Itsou

Category: Senior Group Website

**First Place:** *Women's Suffrage Movement*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Students: Sudeeksha Sajjana, Florentina Sahaya, Aashmi Bhatnagar,  
Bhavana Reddy Mayaluru, Yogita Bhuvana Mohan

**Second Place:** *History of Oppression to Minority Groups in American History*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Students: Purab Ashmaniwala, Aryan Manchala, Kishore Krishnakumar

**Third Place:** *MILL GIRLS: How Women Helped us Gain Workers Rights*

School: South Windsor High School [South Windsor]

Students: Joann Varghese, Aanya Shah, Nailah Nskala