

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

Junior Division

**Category: Junior Papers**

**First Place:** *The Montgomery Bus Boycott: How Black Citizens Took the Responsibility to Have Their Rights Acknowledged*

School: Sedgwick Middle School [West Hartford]

Student: Emilie Mathieu

**Second Place:** *Equal Rights, Equal Responsibility: The Legal and Social Impact of Brown v. Board of Education*

School: Torrington Middle School [Torrington]

Student: Lam Khuu

**Third Place:** *The Accused*

School: King Philip Middle School [West Hartford]

Student: Ema He

**Honorable Mention:** *Untold Stories of the Holocaust: The Loss of Homosexuals' Rights and the Voices that were Silenced by History*

School: King Philip Middle School [West Hartford]

Student: Eliana Potashner

**Category: Junior Individual Exhibit**

**First Place:** *Do With Less - So They'll Have Enough: How U.S. Rationing in World War II Called Upon Americans to Sacrifice Personal Freedoms for the Greater Good*

School: Sedgwick Middle School [West Hartford]

Student: Anna Small

**Second Place:** *Equal Responsibilities, Unequal Rights: The Female Codebreakers of World War II*

School: Sedgwick Middle School [West Hartford]

Student: Annabelle Brooks

**Third Place:** *Malala's Fight for Women's Right for Education*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Student: Natalie Sanchez

**Honorable Mention:** *Cutting Off What They Need*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Student: Daniel Tapia

**Category: Junior Group Exhibit**

**First Place:** *Dangerous Tradition: Tragedy of Forced Marriages in South Sudan*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Students: Aubrey Sadler, Nicole Arias

**Second Place:** *Censorship in North Korea*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Students: Kayla Fong, Lillianna Siharaj, Iasmym Soares

**Third Place:** *The French Revolution: From Estate to Equality*

School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School [Farmington]  
Students: Chenmiao Qiu, Sofia Cardenas

**Honorable Mention:** *Independence or Death The Rights & Responsibilities of Portuguese Liberation*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]  
Students: Yahaira Espinoza, Kaylee Oliveira

**Category: Junior Individual Documentary**

**First Place:** *Fighting Against Barbed Wire*

School: Sedgwick Middle School [West Hartford]  
Student: Dharini Luthra

**Second Place:** *The Price of Power: How the U.S. Left an Indelible Mark on the Lives of Veterans and Marshall Islanders*

School: Sedgwick Middle School [West Hartford]  
Student: Kamran Batchelder

**Third Place:** *Women in Flight: Legacy of Dreams*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy [Avon]  
Student: Raji Doshi

**Honorable Mention:** *Big Tobacco on Trial*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy [Avon]  
Student: Kwabena Addai-Boateng

**Category: Junior Group Documentary**

**First Place:** *Voices of Aotearoa: The Maori Struggles for Equality*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]  
Students: Rafaella Lopez-Gibbons, Genesis Godoy

**Second Place:** *Strong-Willed Fighters: How the Woman's Relief Corps Fought for Post-Civil War Equal Rights*

School: Sedgwick Middle School [West Hartford]

Students: Alexander Erickson, Krish Dhingra

**Third Place:** *Rights and Responsibilities of Women's Suffrage in the UK*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Students: Kayla Schweitzer, Priya Suri, Esmerelda Costa-Bernardo

**Honorable Mention:** *Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Students: Aldin Ferati, Bryan Mainato

**Category:** Junior Individual Performance

**First Place:** *Miranda Rights: It's Controversial Impact on Law*

*Enforcement and the United States*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy [Avon]

Student: Sheldon Hsiao

**Second Place:** *Hoops of Justice: Racial Integration in Basketball*

School: Torrington Middle School [Torrington]

Student: Liam MacDonald

**Third Place:** *From Meaningless Words to Ink on Paper: The Making of the 2008 Labor Law Contract in China*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Student: Kailey Chimbo

**Honorable Mention:** *Passing the Torch*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Student: Audrey Casazza

**Category:** Junior Group Performance

**First Place:** *The Abolitionist Who Never Stopped Writing: The Liberator's Fight For Anti-Slavery*

School: Timothy Edwards School [South Windsor]

Students: Emma Hennessey, Emma O'Brien, Emma Lily Flynn

**Second Place:** *The Future is Female: Griswold V.S. Connecticut*

School: Irving A. Robbins Middle School [West Hartford]

Students: Jahnvi Modi, Anishka Ariya, Masa Elnasser

**Third Place:** *The Brawl for the Ballon d'Or*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Students: Michael Popa, Jairon Siguenza

**Honorable Mention:** *A Way to Equal Pay*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Students: Victoria Costa, Paige Severino

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**First Place:** *Healthcare as a Fundamental Right: WHO's Role in Eradicating Smallpox*

School: Madina Academy [Windsor]

Student: Afsa Raja

**Second Place:** *Broken Trust: The Many Rights and Responsibilities Violated in the Tuskegee Experiment*

School: Talcott Mountain Academy [Avon]

Student: Konstantinos Raptis

**Third Place:** *Apartheid's Buildup and Legacy*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Student: Tyler Madyda

**Honorable Mention:** *Defending Rights, Defining Responsibilities: The Legacy of the Stamp Act*

School: Torrington Middle School [Torrington]

Student: Kaitlin Amato

[Category: Junior Group Website](#)

**First Place:** *Luminous Lives, Remarkable Legacy: The Radium Girls' Fight for Workplace Rights and Employer Responsibilities*

School: Madina Academy [Windsor]

Students: Salma Hassan, Sohyla Hassan

**Second Place:** *Women's Voting Rights and Responsibilities*

School: King Philip Middle School [West Hartford]

Students: Aaliya Lal, Helena Wise, Zoe Moore, Hadley Hamilton-Moras

**Third Place:** *A Right for Patients and a Responsibility for Medical Operators: The HIPAA Law*

School: Madina Academy [Windsor]

Students: Enaaya Mohammed, Musfira Bhuiyan

**Honorable Mention:** *From Science to Sin: The I.G. Farben Trial*

School: Westside Middle School Academy [Danbury]

Students: Grace Chrostowski, Vittoria Christofoleti, Alicia Cordeiro

## Senior Division

### Category: Senior Papers

**First Place:** *Deaf Education in America: Examining the Shift From a Privilege to a Right*

School: Miss Porter's School [Farmington]

Student: Yuman Wu

**Second Place:** *Wilhelm Furtwangler: Defending Art, Defying Oppression*

School: The Hotchkiss School [Lakeville]

Student: Zixiu Gong

**Third Place:** *Guilty Until Proven Innocent: Anthony Ray Hinton and America's Crisis of Wrongful Convictions*

School: Miss Porter's School [Farmington]

Student: Yulisa Ma

**Honorable Mention:** *The Treaty of Paris of 1783: Balancing Rights and Responsibilities in Post-War Diplomacy*

School: The Hotchkiss School [Lakeville]

Student: Sungyun Kim

### Category: Senior Individual Exhibit

**First Place:** *Child Labor: Rights and Responsibilities in Industrial Great Britain*

School: Torrington High School [Torrington]

Student: Mayas Issa

**Second Place:** *From Frontlines to Headlines: One Woman's Right to Serve and Responsibility to Protect*

School: Conard High School [West Hartford]

Student: Neila Feeney

### Category: Senior Group Exhibit

**First Place:** *The AIDS/HIV Pandemic: Influence on Medicine and Society*

School: Torrington High School [Torrington]

Students: Ciana Santiago, Leeya Fay

**Second Place:** *The Crandall Controversy*

School: Farmington High School [Farmington]

Students: Shayna Gangisetty, Sahasra Ravuri, Anagha Lakkapragada,  
Rhea Das

**Third Place:** *The Reign of Terror: Civic Rights and Responsibilities*

School: Torrington High School [Torrington]

Students: Ashley Do, Isabella Stevens

**Honorable Mention:** *Unit 731: The Ethics of Biological Warfare*

School: Danbury High School [Danbury]

Students: Shea Moore, Riya Pharsiyawar, Jenna Saltzman, Kaylan  
Alexander

**Category: Senior Individual Documentary**

**First Place:** *Operation Wetback: How Rights and Responsibilities Conflict  
at the Crossing*

School: The Academy of Information Technology [Stamford]

Student: Alexander Amann

**Second Place:** *An American Prayer*

School: Newington High School [Newington]

Student: Aidan Rodriguez

**Third Place:** *"I Hope Someday You Will Join Us, and the World Will Live as  
One": The Consequences of the United States' Failure to Ratify the United  
Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)*

School: Conard High School [West Hartford]

Student: Luke Kalke



**Honorable Mention:** *Sovereignty at Stake: The Persian Gulf War and the Global Responsibility*

School: The Hotchkiss School [Lakeville]

Student: Crystal Pang

**Category:** Senior Group Documentary

**First Place:** *Tinker v. Des Moines*

School: Litchfield High School [Litchfield]

Students: Finn Outwater, Oliver Outwater

**Second Place:** *The Danbury Shakes: Mercury Poisoning and Workers Rights*

School: Farmington High School [Farmington]

Students: Raaga Satyavarapu, Maya Kutz

**Third Place:** *Rights on the Line: The Kelo v. New London Conflict*

School: Farmington High School [Farmington]

Students: Kostas Rakevicius, Ferran Ruiz

**Honorable Mention:** *The Morality of Murder: How the Death Penalty Conflicts with the Principles of American Society*

School: Farmington High School [Farmington]

Students: Daria Lee, Mikela Dedndreaj

**Category:** Senior Individual Performance

**First Place:** *"Where, after all, do human rights begin?" Eleanor Roosevelt's Crusade for Social Justice*

School: Enfield High School [Enfield]

Student: Kathia Diaz

**Second Place:** *Symbols of Silence: The Quiet Act that Sparked a Revolution in Student Rights*

School: Enfield High School [Enfield]

Student: Sophia Carrier

Category: Senior Group Performance

**First Place:** *Nellie Bly, Asylum Spy: Exposing the Abuse of Patient Rights and Neglect of Medical Responsibilities*

School: Madina Academy [Windsor]

Students: Salma Mahmoud, Zainah Khaliq, Sidra Bedir, Tasneem Zoghol

Category: Senior Individual Website

**First Place:** *Tinker v. Des Moines: Rebels or Revolutionaries?*

School: Farmington High School [Farmington]

Student: Alexandra Czyz

**Second Place:** *Veiled Injustice: The Legacy of the Untreated Syphilis Student and Human Subject Rights*

School: Madina Academy [Windsor]

Student: Noor Hassan

**Third Place:** *The Birth of Solidarity: Workers Start the Fight for their Rights*

School: Torrington High School [Torrington]

Student: Emilia Parrott

**Honorable Mention:** *From Protest to Progress: The May Fourth Movement and the Duty to Reform*

School: The Ethel Walker School [Simsbury]

Student: Zifan Sun

Category: Senior Group Website

**First Place:** *The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: From Tragedy to Reform*

School: Madina Academy [Windsor]

Students: Sarah Elsherbini, Noora Mahmoud, Faqiha Faheem

**Second Place:** *Reproductive Rights Protests in the 1970s*

School: Farmington High School [Farmington]

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

**Third Place:** *Should the Kaytn Massacre be Considered a Genocide*

School: Newington High School [Newington]

Students: Katherine DeNapoli, Madison Genova

**Honorable Mention:** *The American Experiment: A Case Study of Ancient Influence on Our Democracy*

School: Newington High School [Newington]

Students: Thomas DeNapoli, Murtaza Ather, Zaid Khan