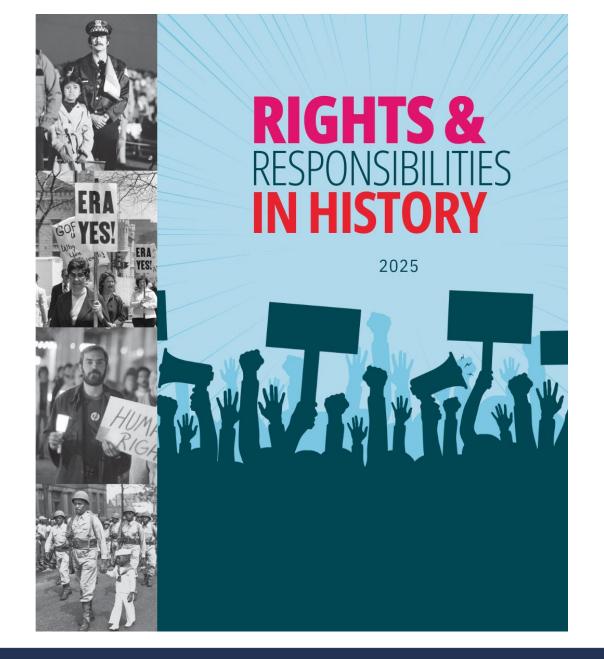




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Agenda

- Projects Advancing to State
 - Individual Papers
 - Individual and Group Websites
 - Individual and Group Performances
 - Individual and Group Exhibits
 - Individual and Group Documentaries
- Special Awards
 - Remember: Special awards are separate from state advancements.
 Projects that win special awards may or may not advance!





JUNIOR DIVISION PAPERS

Advancing to State



"A Voice for the Neglected: The Immigrants' Protective League of Chicago and the Fight for the American Dream and the Cure to Social Prejudice" by Aygozel G. (Science Academy of Chicago)

"Fighting for Equality: The UDHR and the Global Struggle for Human Rights" by Mayes V. (Skinner North Classical School)

"From Deception to Accountability: How the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act Advanced Consumer Rights and Demanded Government and Corporate Responsibility" by Oliver M. (Catherine Cook School)



"June 3rd, 1989: The Tiananmen Square Movement's Beginnings and Effects on Rights and Responsibilities" by Macy L. (Quest Academy)

"Neither Superior nor Inferior: How Brown v. Board of Education Caused Desegregation in Public Schools" by Madina M. (Science Academy of Chicago)

"The Bhopal Gas Tragedy: An Ongoing Fight for Rights and Responsibility" by Nina B. (Quest Academy)



"The Lawless Law: Chinese Exclusion Act" by An H. (Philip Rogers Elementary)

"The Signing of The Americans with Disabilities Act" by Finn B. (Skinner North Classical School)

"The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment" by Adrianne S. (Taft Academic Center)



"We Are the Ship, All Else the Sea: The Negro Leagues' Unstoppable Drive for Justice Throughout the 20th Century" by Alejandro P. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"Yellow Journalism: Painting the Press with an Ugly Shade" by Matthew E. (Skinner North Classical School)

"Cotton Was King: How the Plantation System Stripped Away the Rights of Human Commodities While Increasing Their Responsibilities" by Julia I. (Taft Academic Center)



"Yellow Journalism: The Media's Role in Starting a War" by Olivia M. (Skinner North Classical School)

"Fire, Strike, and the Fight for Rights: Change and Unrest in Industrial Revolution Garment Factories" by Alex M. (Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center)

"Love Conquers All: The Pivotal Court Case That Overturned Interracial Marriage Bans" by Amelia M. (Science Academy of Chicago)



"Salem Witch Trials: Guilty or Innocent? Which is Witch?" by Wania S. (Philip Rogers Elementary)

"The Beast Behind Beauty: Animal Rights and the Cosmetics Industry" by Ella P. (Skinner North Classical School)

"The Continent Divided By A Single Wall" by Christopher E. (Taft Academic Center)



"The Curt Flood Case" by Gabe C. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"The Impact of the Atomic Bombing: The Responsibility to Protect Human Life" by Erin C. (Skinner North Classical School)

"Title IX: Shaping Opportunities for Women" by Yasina K. (Science Academy of Chicago)



"Prohibition in Chicago" by John K. (Morgan Park Academy)

"Releasing the Pentagon Papers: Rewriting the Rights and Responsibilities of the Press" by Genevieve J. (Catherine Cook School)



"Roe v. Wade" by Savannah R. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academic Center)

"The Right to Explore Space and the Responsibility to Preserve Our Universe" by Jacob D. (Hawthorne Elementary Scholastic Academy)



SPECIAL AWARDS



Northwestern University Award

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"The Kindertransport Program," Junior Group Exhibit, Taylor M. and Addison P. (Immanuel Lutheran School)

"The Young People's Concerts: Leonard Bernstein's Responsibility in Bringing Classical Music to All," Senior Group Documentary, Marilyn G., Lisa G., Ripley W., and Thorin W. (Meliora School)





Northwestern University Award

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"Did M*A*S*H Have a Responsibility to Portray the Korean War Accurately?" Senior Group Exhibit, Diego S. and Gannon H. (Francis W. Parker School)

"The Women's Suffrage Movement," Junior Group Exhibit, Alex E., Lucia G., Maia V. (Midwest Academy For Gifted Education)





Northwestern University Award

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"Malaria Study at Stateville Penitentiary," Senior Group Documentary, Cayla C. and Arianna S. (Maine South High School)

"Hellen Keller: Ahead of Her Time," Junior Individual Website, Sofia A. (Philip Rogers Elementary)







SENIOR DIVISION PAPERS

Advancing to State



"Empowering Youth Through Education, Welfare, and Culture: Hull House's Comprehensive Impact on the Next Generation" by Alejandra P. (Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy High School)

"Hull-House and the Transformation of Women's Health and Medicine: Advocacy, Reform, and Policy in Early Chicago" by Ashley W. (Niles North High School)

"The Legal Blueprint of Rome: Rights and Responsibilities in the Twelve Tables" by Edie P. (Independent Scholar)



"How Did Alice Paul's Strategies Become the Most Influential in the Fight for Women's Rights?" by Emily H. (Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy High School)

"The Rise, Fall and Rise of the 1873 Comstock Act: Balancing Government Responsibility and Individual Rights" by Hugo R. (Independent Scholar)

"Bearing Arms While Black: The Second Amendment and the Black Panther Party" by Jason Y. (Niles North High School)



"The Marshall Plan" by Lawson W. (Maine West High School)

"From Pushcarts to Prosperity: The Legacy of Jewish Immigrants on Maxwell Street" by Leo S. (Vernon Hills High School)

"The Impact of the 1941 Pearl Harbor Attack on Japanese Americans in the U.S." by Melina M. (Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy High School)



"Hammer v. Dagenhart: A Failure of Rights and Responsibilities for Child Welfare" by Sarah C. (Independent Scholar)

"Chinese Exclusion Act and the American Ideology" by Aidan W. (Vernon Hills High School)

"Nixon's Lasting Impact: The Political Divide" by Anara K. (Vernon Hills High School)



"Visions of Integrity: Reciprocal Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens and Their Government as Seen through the Eyes of Three Vietnam Veterans" by Christine C. (Regina Dominican High School)

"Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds': Oppenheimer's Responsibility" by David G. (Niles North High School)

"The Long Lasting Effects of Americanization" by Grace C. (Maine South High School)



"Memorial Day Massacre of 1937" by Grady H. (Niles North High School)

"Dolores Huerta's Fight for Civil Rights for Farm Workers" by Jocelyn M. (Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy High School)

"Roe v. Wade: Changing Women's Lives" by Kari S. (Niles North High School)



"The Gay Plague': Reactions to the Early Years of AIDS" by Madeline M. (Maine East High School)

"June Uprising Movement" by Chloe K. (Lake Forest Academy)



"Jonas Salk and the Extermination of Poliomyelitis" by Mansoor S. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"Do Say Gay" by Samson B. (Air Force Academy High School)



SPECIAL AWARDS



Chicago Collections Consortium (CCC) Award for Chicago History

Sponsored by the Chicago Collection Consortium (CCC) in recognition of research using a CCC member's archives

"The Great Chicago Fire of 1871," Senior Individual Exhibit, Victoria B. (Maine East High School)

"The Erie Neighborhood House," Junior Individual Exhibit, Emmanuel C. (Horizon Science Academy)



Timuel Black Award for African American History



In memory of Timuel Black

"The Bud Billiken Parade," Junior Group Exhibit, Cameren M., Evan P., and John W. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academic Center)

"The Chicago Defender - A Nation's Educator," Junior Group Website, Forrest B., Jonathan H., and Darrell J. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academic Center)







JUNIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL WEBSITES

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STATE QUALIFIER

"Calling the Shots: Rights, Responsibilities, and Public Health" by Paige T. (Quest Academy)

"EMTALA: Patients' Right to Emergency Medical Treatment and Hospitals' Responsibility to Provide Stabilizing Care" by Sara T. (Catherine Cook School)

"The Kansas Cases: A Step For Desegregation" by Peyton H. (Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center)







"Judgment at Nuremberg: Upholding Rights - Reckoning with Responsibility" by Leo G. (Quest Academy)

"The Road to NEPA: How Highway Construction Paved the Way for a Revolutionary Environmental Law" by Beatriz W. (Skinner North Classical School)

"The Ugly Laws and The Fight for Disability Rights" by Margot G. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)







"Breaking Barriers: Title IX and Its Impact on Gender Inequality" by Leia M. (Taft Academic Center)

"Go For Broke: How a Regiment Fought for Their Rights" by Neil Y. (Margaret Mead Junior High)

"Government Rig, Community Responsibility: The Selective Service Act and the Draft in World War I" by Dominic H. (St. Luke [River Forest])

Junior Individual Websites





"The Enigma of Gender: How Female Codebreakers at Bletchley Park Broke Codes and Boundaries" by Grace M. (Oscar Mayer School)

"The Invisible Hero: Oleg Gordievsky" by Max M. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

Junior Individual Websites

"Forced Sterilization of Puerto Rico Women" by Alia R. (Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School)

"The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire" by Simone P. (St. Mary School [Riverside])







SPECIAL AWARDS

Hyde Park Historical Society Chicago Metro History Day Award



Sponsored by the Hyde Park Historical Society in recognition of scholarship in the history of Hyde Park Township

"Rails to Rights: The Story of the Pullman Strike," Junior Group Documentary, Jade L. and Joy L. (Independent Scholars)

"Redlining in Chicago," Senior Group Exhibit, Miryana A., Blessing A., and Ashley M. (Niles North High School)









SENIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL WEBSITES

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CHICAGO METRO
HISTORY
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"The Playboy Philosophy: Progressive or Oppressive?" by Akilah R. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School)

"Riding for Justice: The Freedom Riders and the Fight against Segregation" by Ashva R. (Vernon Hills High School)

"Establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency" by David T. (Maine West High School)







"Public Health Meets Personal Freedom: The Influenza Pandemic of 1918" by Victoria N. (Maine West High School)

"The Pullman Strike" by Brooke F. (Maine South High School)

"Peuple je Meurs Innocent: Rights, Responsibilities, and Revolution" by Hasna A. (Maine South High School)



CHICAGO METRO
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"Chicago's Battle Against the 1918 Influenza Pandemic: Policies, Progress, and Lessons" by Kelly M. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School)

"I was subject to arrest and you were not': Seeking Accountability and Justice for Civil Rights Violations Against Japanese Americans" by Sofia M. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"The Black Panthers: The Fight To Survive" by Saanvika C. (Adlai E. Stevenson High School)



SPECIAL AWARDS

American Indian History

Anonymous



"Native American Genocide: Indian Boarding Schools," Senior Individual Exhibit, Isabella E. (Regina Dominican High School)

"Impact of King Philips War on Native American Rights," Senior Individual Exhibit, Mohammed Ashaz Ullah K. (CICS Northtown Academy)



American Indian History

CHICAGO METRO
HISTORY
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Anonymous

"Native American Voting Rights," Junior Group Documentary, Xsenia B., Enrique R., and Daisy S. (Mark Twain Elementary School)

"Kill the Indians, Save the Man," Junior Individual Exhibit, Shelly C. (John B. Murphy Elementary)







JUNIOR DIVISION GROUP WEBSITES

Advancing to State







"A Coup of 1932: How Democratic Rights and Responsibilities Changed Forever in Thailand" by Alexxander N., Daniel H., Dylan W., Luke P., and Vincent W. (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy)

"Jim Crow Laws: A Nation Divided By Law" by Anthony M. and Avery M. (Taft Academic Center)

"The Fire That Sparked a Change" by Mary Shea G. and Penny W. (St. Giles Catholic School)







"The Fire Sparking a Change: The Triangle Shirt-Waist Factory Fire and Workers Rights" by Drew B., Jacqueline L., Sophia A., and Sophie M. (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy)

"The Pullman Strike of 1894: A Struggle for Workers' Rights and Corporate Responsibility" by Kairo N., Liam M., Lucca E., Regev S., and Silong L. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)

"Chinese Labor Laws" by Leo V., Romeo R., Sam D., Simon R., and Thomas H. (Parker Junior High School)

Junior Group Websites

CHICAGO METRO
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"The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: A Turning Point in History" by Kaleb S. and Sebastian J. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academic Center)

"I hate Illinois Nazis': The 1977 Lawsuit Between The NSPA vs Skokie" by Emmet F., Louie G., Oren S., and Patrick O. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)

"Exclusion...But at What Cost?" by Rachael M. and Sandra W. (Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center)

Junior Group Websites

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"Salem Witch Trials" by Gracie B. and Jacqueline L. (Mark Twain Elementary School)

"An Unfulfilled Responsibility that Took the Rights of Thousands: The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882" by Edison Q., Louis G., Montgomery W., Sam H., and Silan Z. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)

Junior Group Websites





"The Politics of Punk Rock" by Ariadne A. and Sela L. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"Pearl Harbor: The Aftermath" by Alton C., Jerron A., Julien B., Nathaniel R., and William A. (Sabin Dual Language Magnet School)



SPECIAL AWARDS

Abner Mikva Award for Legal History



Sponsored by Frank Valadez

"Since Columbine: Society Has a Responsibility to Protect Our Students from Classroom Violence," Senior Individual Exhibit, Evelyn K. (Regina Dominican High School)

"A Fight for Rights: The 19th Amendment," Senior Individual Exhibit, Kathleen L. (Regina Dominican High School)



Abner Mikva Award for Legal History



Sponsored by Frank Valadez

"Loving v. Virginia," Junior Individual Documentary, Malaya B. (Alain Locke Charter School)

"Katrina's Forgotten: The Struggle of Incarcerated Individuals," Junior Group Exhibit, Julianna C. and Talia H. (St. Luke [River Forest])



Abner Mikva Award for Legal History



Sponsored by Frank Valadez

"Roe v. Wade: The Right to Women's Privacy," Junior Group Exhibit, Tess R. and Elle S. (Taft Academic Center)

"Judge Hoffman and the Chicago Conspiracy," Senior Group Documentary, Aaron C., Elon C., and Kaleb Z. (Niles North High School)







SENIOR DIVISION GROUP WEBSITES

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Senior Group Websites

STATE QUALIFIER

"Bloody Sunday: The Struggle for Rights and the Power of Civil Disobedience" by Brendan H. and James K. (Vernon Hills High School)

"Tengo Puerto Rico En Mi Corazón" by Henry P. and Simon Q. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"The First Transcontinental Railroad" by Lazar M., Mateusz P., and Victor P. (Maine West High School)







"Malcolm X Aggressive Approach for Change" by Chance E. and Ricardo V. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"Mass Incarceration and the War on Drugs in Hip-Hop" by Damian E. and Rayaan B. (Maine West High School)

"Responsibilities Abused and Rights Denied: The Story of Japanese Internment Camps" by Advit M. and Kyle K. (Vernon Hills High School)





STATE QUALIFIER

"Mujeres Latinas En Accion" by Diana J., Krish P., and Sergio G. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"The Chicago Women's Liberation Union" by Ena I., Nafisa R., and Shamariyah D. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)





JUNIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

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Junior Individual Performances

"The Impact of RBG" by Anais L. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"The Balfour Declaration: False Responsibilities and Disregarding Arab Rights" by Reed Q. (Quest Academy)





Junior Individual Performances

"All of Those Young Lives Betrayed, All for a Children's Crusade" by Elias S. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"The Stonewall Uprisings" by Coryn M. (Horizon Science Academy)









SENIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

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Senior Individual Performances

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"The Record Spins the Same Note Today" by Kaden A. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)

"From the Streets to the Power - The Fight for Equality of Women in the Young Lord's Movement" by María T. (Morton East High School)

Senior Individual Performances

"Bob Dylan" by David R. (Morton East High School)

"Finding Dignity in Tragedy-One Nurse's Response to the Eastland Disaster" by Yareli R. (Morton East High School)







SPECIAL AWARDS

Hamill Award for Irish American History

CHICAGO METRO
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Sponsored by Judith Hamill

"John F. Kennedy's Pivotal Role in Shaping the Civil Rights Act," Junior Group Exhibit, Luka D., Carter K., Andrew P., and Luca S. (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy)



George Javaras Award for Exemplary Historical Scholarship



In memory of George Javaras

"Magna Carta: A Revolutionizing Document," Junior Paper, Jacob C. (Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center)

"Boiling Tensions: The Red Summer of Chicago," Senior Individual Documentary, Madison P. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School)



George Javaras Award for Exemplary Historical Scholarship



In memory of George Javaras

"Balancing National Security and Liberty During World War I," Senior Individual Exhibit, Andrew O. (Maine East High School)

"June Uprising Movement," Senior Paper, Chloe K. (Lake Forest Academy)







JUNIOR DIVISION GROUP PERFORMANCES

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Junior Group Performances

"Abigail's Rights, John's Responsibilities" by Madeline L. and Zeeba K. (Catherine Cook School)

"Rights Revoked, Responsibilities Ignored: The Persecution of Polish Jews Under Nazi Rule" by Alexandra T. and Eva D. (Quest Academy)

"The Radium Girls" by Ava T., Chayil P., Mya M., Nia M., and Paxton S. (Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center)





Junior Group Performances

"AIDS Epidemic" by Camille M., Hannah D., Minah B., Nia D., and Riordan K. (Párker Junior High School)

"Mother Nature at War: The Bill That Saved America's Biodiversity" by Andrew W., Ari T., Barnaby R., and Rowan H. (Lenart Elémentary Regional Gifted Center)

"Trail of Tears and Indian Removal Act of 1830: Rights and Responsibilities" by Alejandra B., Alexandra I., Celeste M., Dario A., and Yassuri L. (Mark Twain Elementary School)





SENIOR DIVISION GROUP PERFORMANCES

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Senior Group Performances

STATE QUALIFIER

"Uniting for Change: The Interracial Alliance of Larry Itliong and Cesar Chavez in the Delano Grape Strike" by Abigail H., Evan J., Jeremiah J., Nathan E., and Simeon P. (Independent Scholars)

"The Beginnings of Insulin" by Emy B. and Melanie P. (Morton East High School)

"The Pages of Democracy" by Ella L., Henry M., Isaac H., and Isabella D. (Independent Scholars)



Senior Group Performances

STATE QUALIFIER

"Chicano Power: Rights Ignored and Responsibilities Forced for Hispanic Students in 1968 Los Angeles" by Grecia G. and Nathaly V. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"The 1932 Bonus Army March: Challenging Government Responsibility In a Fight For Veteran Rights" by Alex R. and Arnav C. (Independent Scholars)

"Ali - The Fight for Civil Rights: Vietnam War 1967" by Capone J., Efrain G., and Juan C. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)



SPECIAL AWARDS

Gerber/Hart Award for LGBTQ+ History



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"Goodbye, Sister Disco: How Rights or Responsibilities Shaped Disco," Senior Group Documentary, Lilli B., Clara D., Rowen F., and Cynder J. (Independent Scholars)



Gerber/Hart Award for LGBTQ+ History



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"Billie Jean King: Working for Women's Rights," Junior Group Exhibit, Saheli S. and Zara W. (Oscar Mayer School)

"The Life and Legacy of Alan Turing," Junior Group Exhibit, Koyo N. and Chase R. (Margaret Mead Junior High)







JUNIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL EXHITS

Advancing to State







"Chicago Freedom Day: A Stand Against Segregation" by Connor G. (Taft Academic Center)

"Jewish Shattered Rights" by Safiya A. (Horizon Science Academy)

"Kent State Massacre: The Day the War Came Home" by Florence W. (Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School)



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"Native Americans in the Westward Push" by Camryn S. (Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center)

"Our Voices Will Be Heard! Elizabeth Stanton's Responsibility To Make Women's Voices Heard" by Michaela P. (Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center)

"Protecting the Pack: Rights and Responsibilities in Yellowstone" by Kate F. (Catherine Cook School)







"Restoring the City: Chicagoans' Rights versus Chicago Relief and Aid Society's Responsibility" by Aelwen B. (Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center)

"Rock and Rights: Women in Music" by Lily E. (Taft Academic Center)

"The Double V Campaign: African-American Fighting for Freedom On All Fronts" by Betselot M. (Margaret Mead Junior High)





STATE QUALIFIER

"Stonewall Revolution" by Kaylee H. (Taft Academic Center)

"Deterrence and Diplomacy of the Nuclear Era" by Max G. (Catherine Cook School)

"The Keating-Owen Child Labor Act: Raising Awareness of Child Labor and The Responsibility to Protect Children's Rights" by Elin S. (Oscar Mayer School)



Junior Individual Exhibits

STATE QUALIFIER

"The Right to Breathe Clean Air: The Clean Air Act of 1970" by Nicolo O. (Oscar Mayer School)

"A Legacy of Injustice: Japanese-American Incarceration During World War II" by Juliet L. (Skinner North Classical School)

"The Vietnam War Protests" by Mia C. (St. Cletus Catholic School)

Junior Individual Exhibits

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"Cabrini-Green: The Rise and Fall of High-Rise Public Housing" by Kelly L. (Lane Tech Academic Center)

"Elizabeth Cady Stanton" by Adamaris L. (Philip Rogers Elementary)

"Injustice For All" by Evan G. (St. Mary School [Riverside])







"Lewis Hine and America's Little Workers" by Tess B. (Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center)

"Riot Grrrl: How Music Fueled a Revolution" by Emma S. (John B. Murphy Elementary)

"Muhammad Ali; A Legacy of Activism and Humanity" by Callie T. (Catherine Cook School)

Junior Individual Exhibits

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STATE QUALIFIER

"Suffrage!: Women Fight for Rights and Responsibilities" by Evelyn G. (Richard Edwards Elementary)

"The Delano Grape Strike of 1965: Si, Se Puede and the Responsibility to Demand Rights" by Anna Q. (Philip Rogers Elementary)

"The Steps to Change for Americans with Disabilities" by Teddy R. (John C. Coonley Elementary)



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STATE QUALIFIER

"Our Girls Over There" by Klara Z. (Taft Academic Center)

"Breaking The Color Bar: South Africa's Apartheid" by Folarinde F. (Amelia Earhart Elementary School)

"Who The People?" by Theodor A. (A.N. Pritzker Elementary)







"The Unpaid Debt to the Navajo Code Talkers" by Will W. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"Undocumented Sexual Survivors" by Audriana C. (Taft Academic Center)

"Windy City, Mexican Roots" by Angielin A. (St. Leonard Catholic School)



SPECIAL AWARDS

Russell L. Lewis, Jr. Award for Chicago History



Sponsored by Ellen Keith in memory of Russell L. Lewis Jr

"Mirage Tavern," Senior Group Exhibit, Lauren W. and Emily R. (Maine South High School)

"We Can Do It (The CWLU)," Junior Individual Exhibit, Kyan C. (Amelia Earhart Elementary School)



Russell L. Lewis, Jr. Award for Chicago History



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"United We Stand: The Story of the Rainbow Coalition," Senior Individual Website, Jillante M. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School)







SENIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS

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Senior Individual Exhibits

"Propaganda of World War II: Comics and Cinema" by Ayesha H. (Maine East High School)



"Look Closer: Crafted Criminology" by Eleanor S. (Maine East High School)

"The Gnadenhutten Massacre" by Elizabeth S. (Adlai E. Stevenson High School)

Senior Individual Exhibits

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"A Stain on Labor - The Haymarket Riot" by Hannah H. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)

"Remember the Ladies': From Coverture to Cult of Domesticity" by Katherine T. (Independent Scholar)

"Relevance of the Pentagon Papers" by Monika W. (Maine East High School)







"Regulations and Reforms: Fire Safety after the Iroquois Theater Fire" by Roxanne S. (Nazareth Academy)

"The Lavender Scare; Unknown Injustice" by Suzy K. (Maine South High School)

"Clifford W. Beers: A Man Who Challenged Society and Unshackled Lives" by Taylor R. (Maine West High School)







"The Wall of Respect" by Thomas D. (Nazareth Academy)

"Barbed Injustice: Japanese Internment" by Affaf Mohammed D. (CICS Northtown Academy)

"The Butterfly Sisters" by Alana S. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)



Senior Individual Exhibits

"N.W.A. vs. The FBI" by Albany N. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)



"We're Not Overreacting! The Fight To Clean Up Red Gate Woods" by Anne L. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)

"Silent Suffering: Women in the Armenian Genocide" by Helena H. (Regina Dominican)







"Impact of King Philips War on Native American Rights" by Mohammed Ashaz Ullah K. (CICS Northtown Academy)

"The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: Factory From Hell" by Ryan W. (Maine South High School)

"Watergate: Changing Public Opinion of the Government" by Tyler S. (Vernon Hills High School)

Senior Individual Exhibits

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"Space Race" by Valeria W. (Maine West High School)

"The Great Chicago Fire of 1871" by Victoria B. (Maine East High School)



SPECIAL AWARDS

Richard Brown Award

Sponsored by Friends of Richard Brown



"Chicago '63 Boycott," Junior Group Exhibit, Nikita C., Jiya D., Gabriella J., and Emery Y. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)

"Cabrini-Green: The Rise and Fall of High-Rise Public Housing," Junior Individual Exhibit, Kelly L. (Lane Tech Academic Center)



Disability History Award

Anonymous



"They Are People Too: The Violation of the Rights of Residents at Willowbrook State School and Who is Responsible," Junior Group Documentary, Selasi A., Madeleine K., Deepti K., Noa K., and Ananya P. (Independent Scholars)

"Buck v. Bell: A Decision that Stripped Mentally Disabled Individuals of a Basic Right," Junior Individual Exhibit, Brady B. (Catherine Cook School)



Disability History Award

CHICAGO METRO
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Anonymous

"A Great American IDEA," Senior Individual Website, Abhay B. (Adlai E. Stevenson High School)







JUNIOR DIVISION GROUP EXHIBITS

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"A City Scarred: The Chicago Race Riots of 1919" by Amelie P., Corrina I., and Hanan F. (Lane Tech Academic Center)

"Ashes to Resilience" by Kelis S. and Nadirah I. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academic Center)

"Chicago '63 Boycott" by Emery Y., Gabriella J., Jiya D., and Nikita C. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)







"Emmett Till Lynching: The Spark that Flamed the Civil Rights Movement" by Braden W., Connor B., Malachi R., and Sam O. (Parker Junior High School)

"Ida B. Wells: Chicago's Crusader for Civil Rights and Her Responsibility to End Lynching" by Celina M., Fernanda V., and Jessica R. (Richard Edwards Elementary)

"Knygnešiai" by Ellie R. and Elsie E. (John C. Coonley Elementary)

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STATE QUALIFIER

"Native American Boarding Schools" by Maruen V. and Saalihjan D. (Stephen K. Hayt Elementary School)

"Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act" Cicley S., Clarke T., Hannah R., and Sydney B. (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy)

"The Delano Grape Strike of 1965" by Amia L. and Valentina S. (Ellen Mitchell Elementary School)



CHICAGO METRO
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STATE QUALIFIER

"The Game of Change: Desegregation of College Basketball" by Charlie P. and Richard H. (Oscar Mayer School)

"The Haymarket Affair: Chicago's Role in the Labor Movement's Fight for Rights" by Emmarose H., Jasmin S., Lila K., Olivia X., and Xiruo W. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)

"The Horrors of Japan's Secret Biological Weapons Program: Unit 731" by Ellis E., Gabriel S., and Ronav J. (John C. Coonley Elementary)







"The Jungle of the Chicago Stockyards" by Dulce A., Sylvia M., and Yanjinlkham B. (John B. Murphy Elementary)

"The Matchgirls' Strike of 1888: The Spark that Started the Flame" by Florence X. and Shreya H. (Margaret Mead Junior High)

"Women's Armed Integration Act: The Rights and Responsibilities of Women in War" Abbey F., Katara D., Riley D., and Tatum B. (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy)







"The Resurrection Project" by Genesis B., Julissa A., and Sophia P. (John B. Murphy Elementary)

"The Stewart B. McKinney Act: Transforming Struggle into Success" by Hamsa G. and Isabelle M. (Margaret Mead Junior High School)

"Tierra Y Libertad: The Emiliano Zapata Story" by Adriana R., Katherine L., and Valerie L. (Richard Edwards Elementary)



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STATE QUALIFIER

"The Struggles of Mexicans Under Unfair Laws" by Dayanara T. and Gianis N. (Ellen Mitchell Elementary School)

"The Tragic Transatlantic Slave Trade" by Alex J., Joseph R., and Liam T. (Lakeview Junior High)

"Rosie the Riveter: The Savior for Women's Rights" by Camila B., Nevaeh L., and Nicole D. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)





STATE QUALIFIER

"The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire" by Ariana V. and Mary F. (Immanuel Lutheran School)

"The Witch Trials of Salem" by Ava B. and Olivia A. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"God, Buffalo Bill, and Frances Willard: The Story of America's Most Loved Woman" by Kimberly H. and Yulissa D. (Richard Edwards Elementary)







"African Americans and Latinos Breaking the Color Barrier" by Colt M., Desmond B., Enoch L., and Gian S. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"Healthcare Needs a Feminist Revolution! The Women's Health Movement and Modern Issues in Women's Healthcare Today" by Ainsley C. and Rae R. (John C. Coonley Elementary)

"Newsboys Strike of 1899" by Ella M., Molly Q., and Sophie B. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)



STATE QUALIFIER

"Jane Addams: A Life Dedicated to the Rights and Responsibilities of Others" by Kimberly P. and Sarah G. (Richard Edwards Elementary)

"Kristallnacht: A Turning Point in the Violation of Human Rights and the Holocaust" by Caitlyn B. and Madeline B. (Taft Academic Center)

"Legalizing Love" by Dylan C. and Katharine X. (John C. Coonley Elementary)







"Jane Doe: The Evolution of Women's Rights and Responsibilities" by Abigail O. and Charlotte B. (Lane Tech Academic Center)

"Lucy E. Parsons: Revolutionary Revision" by Bennett R., Lila E., and Olivia W. (John C. Coonley Elementary)

"Pearl Harbor and Japanese American Internment" by Eniece D. and Lauren S. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School)





"Protecting the Game: NCAA's Effect on Sports" by Monica M. and Regan P. (Taft Academic Center)



"The 1863 New York Draft Riots" by Alex M. and Naomi W. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"The Less Heard Women of Suffrage" by Genevieve O., Madison W., and Mischa M. (Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center)





"Roe v. Wade: The Right to Women's Privacy" by Elle S. and Tess R. (Taft Academic Center)



"Rights Denied, Responsibilities Ignored: The Chinese Exclusion Act" by Andrew L., Ava B., Kotone U., and Mitchell O. (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy)

"The Children's Bureau: How This Revolutionary Agency Came to Be" by Aanya G. and Ayden Y. (Skinner North Classical School)





"The Game of Change" by Kalyhia F. and Olivia P. (Divine Providence Catholic School)



"Wicked Witches of the East" by Brielle D. and Sofia K. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"The Seneca Falls Convention: Voices of Change" by Angelica S., Jocelyn U., Kailey C., and Nadira G. (Mark Twain Elementary School)





"The Swing For Integration" by Elon W. and London W. (Alain Locke Charter School)



"Sarah C. Roberts" by Chasity W. and Joana R. (Edward K. "Duke" Ellington Elementary School)





STATE QUALIFIER

"Who Wants Diversity?" by Genesis Y. and Leslie T. (Ole A Thorp Scholastic Academy)

"Equal Rights Amendment" by Deja M. and Fatima F. (Mannheim Middle School)



SPECIAL AWARDS





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"Women Are Not Chicks': The CWLU's Fight for Women's Rights in the Chicago Community," Senior Group Website, Christopher G. and Ryan G. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"From Pushcarts to Prosperity: The Legacy of Jewish Immigrants on Maxwell Street," Senior Paper, Leo S. (Vernon Hills High School)







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"Chinatown in Chicago," Senior Individual Documentary, Atamyrat J. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"Bath Houses and Water Fountains: The Right to Clean Water and Chicago's Responsibility to Provide It," Junior Individual Exhibit, Vivian Z. (Richard Edwards Elementary)







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"Solidarity Forever: The Legacy of the Haymarket Martyrs," Junior Individual Documentary, Audrey W. (Margaret Mead Junior High)

"The Jewel Tea Company," Junior Individual Exhibit, Sophia C. (St. Leonard Catholic School)







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"Revolutionizing Student Rights: Tinker vs Des Moines," Senior Group Exhibit, Anika R. and Ayan M. (Adlai E. Stevenson High School)

"Chicago Heat Wave 1995," Senior Group Exhibit, Gabriela G., Maciel M., and Omero M. (Morton East High School)







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"Robert Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb: Rights and Responsibilities of Creating a Weapon of Mass Destruction," Junior Individual Exhibit, Theo G. (Oscar Mayer School)

"The Black Panther Party: Rights and Responsibility," Junior Individual Exhibit, Khary C. (Mark Twain Elementary School)







SENIOR DIVISION GROUP EXHIBITS

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"442nd Regiment Infantry" by Madelyn J. and Nicole K. (Maine West High School)

"Erasing Humanity: The Twisted Legacy of Eugenics and Forced Sterilization in America" by Mia P. and Olivia B. (Vernon Hills High School)

"F.D.R. New Deal: 'The Only Thing We Have to Fear is Fear Itself'" by Isabella K., Isla C., and Jill E. (Maine South High School)

"Let Them Eat Cake, The Storming of the Bastille" by Aubrie D. and Kurtis E. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)

"Loving v. Virginia: A Fight for the Right to Love" by Norah P. and Sabiha F. (Maine West High School)

"Mirage Tavern" by Emily R. and Lauren W. (Maine South High School)









STATE QUALIFIER

"Painted in Poison: The Radium Girls' Tragic Fight for Justice" by Jessica M., Rachel V., and Sreeja M. (Adlai E. Stevenson High School)

"Planned Parenthood" by Jackelline G. and Jesus C. (Morton East High School)

"Revolutionizing Students' Rights: Tinker v. Des Moines" by Anika R. and Ayan M. (Adlai E. Stevenson High School)

"The American Disability Movement" by Graham L. and Jeremy Z. (Vernon Hills High School)

"The Nuremberg Doctor Trials and Medical Ethics" by Angelina M. and Sydney M. (Maine West High School)

"Hello?": How The Hello Girls Shaped Women's Role in Society" by Jessica L., Medha M., and Siya P. (Adlai E. Stevenson High School)











"95 Angels Gone Too Soon: Our Lady of the Angels School Fire and the Right and Responsibilities of the Supervisors" by Fiona C., Judy F., and Victoria L. (Regina Dominican High School)

"Blues of Change" by Ernest I. and J'Nylah S. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)

"Chicago Meatpacking Industry during the Second Industrial Revolution" by Frances G. and Miranda T. (Regina Dominican High School)



"Frank Collin: The Jewish Nazi" by Azucena G., Joshua G., and Vanessa R. (Morton East High School)



"Japanese Internment: The Struggle of Japanese Americans During WWII" by Emmie F., Holly P., Jood A., and Katja T. (Maine South High School)

"Madam C.J. Walker" by Haylee Ann H. and Nia P. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)

"Redlining In Chicago" by Ashley M., Blessing A., and Miryana A. (Niles North High School)

"The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion" by Alec D., Isabelle S., and Nahir G. (Morton East High School)





"Women's Suffrage Movement" by Alam Z., Angelina T., and Azizah M. (CICS Northtown Academy)

"Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire" by Abiella W., Julia R., and Marta K. (Vernon Hills High School)







SPECIAL AWARDS

Excellence in Latino History

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Sponsored by Emiliano Aguilar, Notre Dame University

"California Grape Boycott: The Largest Success in the NFWA History," Junior Individual Documentary, Sebastian E. (Lakeview Junior High)

"Forced Sterilization of Puerto Rico Women," Individual Website, Alia R. (Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School)



Excellence in Latino History

CHICAGO METRO
HISTORY
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Sponsored by Emiliano Aguilar, Notre Dame University

"Injustice for All," Junior Individual Exhibit, Evan G. (St. Mary School [Riverside])

"Windy City, Mexican Roots," Junior Individual Exhibit, Angielin A. (St. Leonard Catholic School)







JUNIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES

Advancing to State

Junior Individual Documentaries





"Making Their Voices Heard: How American Women Seized Responsibility for Their Voting Rights" by Portia D. (Quest Academy)

"My Lai Massacre" by Rashad G. (Alain Locke Charter School)

"Jane Addams' Fight for Social Justice" by Evan N. (Lane Tech Academic Center)

Junior Individual Documentaries





"Defender of the Voiceless: Dr. Ambedkar's Quest for Justice" by Vedant S. (Quest Academy)

"Rights and Responsibilities: What Led to the Story of Tank Man - The Chinese Student Protests (1989)" by Isabelle J. (Skinner North Classical School)

"Prohibition In the United States: How an Amendment of Temperance Failed and Transformed Chicago" by Bodhi B. (Catherine Cook School)







"Solidarity Forever: The Legacy of the Haymarket Martyrs" by Audrey W. (Margaret Mead Junior High)

"The Crisis at Three Mile Island: How Rights and Responsibilities Would Shape the Future of Nuclear Power?" by Shaarav B. (Quest Academy)

"Rights, Responsibility, and Rebellion: Tinker vs. Des Moines" by Claire L. (Catherine Cook School)







"Suits, Streets, and Solidarity: How the Zoot Suit Riots were a Catalyst for the Chicano Movement" by Lila S. (Taft Academic Center)

"The Cost of Gun Rights: Reexamining the Second Amendment" by Israel G. (Philip Rogers Elementary)

"Uncaging a Dark History: The Rights and Responsibilities of Human Zoos" by Kush S. (Skinner North Classical School)



SPECIAL AWARDS

CHICAGO METRO
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Sponsored in recognition of excellence in Hull House history

"Empowering Youth through Education, Welfare and Culture: Hull House's Comprehensive Impact on the Next Generation," Senior Individual Paper, Alejandra P. (Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy High School)

"A Life's Purpose – the Story of Jane Addams," Senior Individual Performance, Cordelia R. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)



CHICAGO METRO
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"Jane Addams' Fight for Social Justice," Junior Individual Documentary, Evan N. (Lane Tech Academic Center)

"A Voice for the Neglected: The Immigrants' Protective League of Chicago and the Fight for the American Dream and the Cure to Social Prejudice," Junior Paper, Aygozel G. (Science Academy of Chicago)



CHICAGO METRO
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"Jane Addams: A Life Dedicated to the Rights and Responsibilities of Others," Junior Group Exhibit, Sarah G. and Kimberly P. (Richard Edwards Elementary)

"Shielding the Innocent: How the DCFS Became Angels for the Silent Cries," Senior Individual Exhibit, Alona D. (Maine West High School)



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"Jane Addams' Responsibility as Garbage Inspector of the 19th Ward," Senior Individual Documentary, Lauren H. (Maine South High School)







SENIOR DIVISION INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES

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Senior Individual Documentaries

"America's Forgotten Laborers: The Bracero Program's Legacy on Rights of Non-citizens" by Avani N. (Independent Scholar)



"How Internment Camps Changed the Lives of Japanese Americans" by Ethan E. (Maine East High School)

"Jane Addams' Responsibility as Garbage Inspector of the 19th Ward" by Lauren H. (Maine South High School)







"Nuclear Weapons Testing in the Marshall Islands" by Nolan C. (Vernon Hills High School)

"Reversing Rights: How the Drug War Undid Progress in Justice" by Raaghav T. (Adlai E. Stevenson High School)

"House Music Documentary" by Briohna B. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School)





STATE QUALIFIER

"Stolen Lakefront" by Enrique A. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"Police, Protest, and Power: The Democratic National Convention of 1968" by Erin F. (Regina Dominican High School)



Senior Individual Documentaries

STATE QUALIFIER

"The Causes and Effects of the Alaska Purchase on Russia, the United States, and Native Alaskan Populations" by Samuel M. (Maine South High School)

"The Marshall Plan" by Robert W. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)



SPECIAL AWARDS

Award for Italian and Italian American History



"95 Angels Gone Too Soon: Our Lady of the Angels School Fire and the Right and Responsibilities of the Supervisors," Senior Group Exhibit, Fiona C., Judy F., and Victoria L. (Regina Dominican High School)



Anonymous

Eastland Disaster Research Award



In memory of the victims of the Eastland Disaster

"The Eastland Disaster: The Rights and Responsibilities of Maritime Safety," Senior Individual Exhibit, Samantha M. (Maine West High School)







JUNIOR DIVISION GROUP DOCUMENTARIES

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Junior Group Documentaries

STATE QUALIFIER

"Life or Liberty: The Internment of German-Americans during World War II" by Cooper A., Eleanore O., Kai D., and Philipp L. (German International School of Chicago)

"The Black Panther Party" by Khloe S. and London B. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep Academic Center)

"The Roads That Paved America: Interstate Highways" by Aarna M., Alina L., Hugo H., Isha S., and Zimo L. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)





STATE QUALIFIER

"The Right of the Government - The Release of the Pentagon Papers" by Aoto H., Filip T., and Vihaan S. (Margaret Mead Junior High)

"Rights and Responsibilities of Schools in Emergencies" by Graham T., Henry A., Vikrant B., and Zhong W. (Avery Coonley School)

"The Food and Drug Act: Changing a Diet of Millions" by James D., Joshua M., Lucia V., and Margaret G. (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Academy)



STATE QUALIFIER

"The PLATO Computer System: Transformation and Equity in the Classroom" by Moksh A., Rishaan L., and Zeus B. (Margaret Mead Junior High)

"Director's Cut: Child Labor in Entertainment" by Annie P., Aria P., Greta J., Matilda Z., and Sahana S. (Avery Coonley School)

"The Thibodaux Massacre and the Impact on Racial Development" by Alexa B., Hannah D., Jeannie N., and Rey B. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)



STATE QUALIFIER

"The Meltdown That Changed History" by Jaedon I. and Taevyon M. (Alain Locke Charter School)

"Chicago Women's Liberation Union" by Madeleine T. and Penelope B. (Lane Tech Academic Center)

"How the Game of Change Impacted African American Athletes and Their Rights" by Dev S. and Tyden C. (Oscar Mayer School)





"The Stonewall Riots: How They Impacted the World" Amelia A., Chloe R., and Evan S. (Lakeview Junior High)

"The Equal Pay Act of 1963: An Evolution of Promises" by Gabriel D. and Prisha V. (Margaret Mead Junior High)

"The Jane Collective" by Anika K., Emma W., Lucinda E., Naima S., and Sydney D. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)



STATE QUALIFIER

"Loving v. Virginia and Interracial Marriage Rights" by Addison G., Anna S., Charlotte A., Leif S., and Sadie O. (Parker Junior High School)

"Mascots or Misrepresentation? Native American Imagery in Sports" by Andrew L., Elijah J., Jasim S., Marty K., and Reid Z. (Avery Coonley School)

"The Road to Equality: The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's" by Aiden M. and Jack L. (St. Hubert Catholic School)





STATE QUALIFIER

"The Weather Underground: Patriotism or Terrorism?" by Elisa S., Greta L., Ignacia M., and Sarah B. (Abraham Lincoln Elementary School)

"Power of the People: The EDSA Revolution of 1986" by Avani R., Ella P., Emily C., Isabela D., and Sara P. (Whitney M. Young Academic Center)



SPECIAL AWARDS

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"The Right to Explore Space and the Responsibility to Preserve Our Universe," Junior Paper, Jacob D. (Hawthorne Elementary Scholastic Academy)

"The Endangered Species Act," Junior Individual Website, Ben M. (Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center)



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"The Weather Underground: Patriotism or Terrorism?," Junior Group Documentary, Sarah B., Greta L., Ignacia M., and Elisa S. (Abraham Lincoln Elementary School)

"The Delano Grape Strike of 1965," Junior Group Exhibit, Amia L. and Valentina S. (Ellen Mitchell Elementary School)



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"Restoring the City: Chicagoans' Rights versus Chicago Relief and Aid Society's Responsibility," Junior Individual Exhibit, Aelwen B. (Lenart Elementary Regional Gifted Center)

"The Haymarket Affair," Junior Group Exhibit, Andraya H. and Amarii-Onna W. (Sabin Dual Language Magnet School)



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"Chicago Freedom Movement," Senior Group Documentary, Ronnie H. and Jamilah J. (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences)

"Undocumented Sexual Survivors," Junior Individual Exhibit, Audriana C. (Taft Academic Center)



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"Women Working: The Legacy of the Chicago Women's Graphics Collective," Senior Individual Documentary, Jasmine C. (Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy High School)







SENIOR DIVISION GROUP DOCUMENTARIES

Advancing to State







"Goodbye, Sister Disco: How Rights and Responsibilities Shaped Disco" by Clara D., Cynder J., Lilli B., and Rowen F. (Independent Scholars)

"Mail, Mission, and Marginalization: The Six Triple Eight's Right To Serve And Duty To Deliver" by Emilia J., Evlin M., Jadyn C., and Odom M. (Maine West High School)

"Passion Within The Purple Berets" by Jeylanie B. and Kelechukwu E. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)







"The Ethics of Battle: War Crimes and the Geneva Conventions" by Aadit N. and Jairus Randy B. (Vernon Hills High School)

"The Impact of Abolishing Slavery in America" by Kovidh K. and Reema M. (Vernon Hills High School)

"The Rights and Responsibilities Chicago Had for Vietnamese Refugees" by Raia C. and Stacey N. (Niles North High School)





"Amnesty: The IRCA of 1986, A New Era of Rights" by Kimberly S. and Miguel C. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)

"Jacobson v. Massachusetts: The Battle Between Individual Autonomy and Social Responsibility" by Eva Z. and Michael D. (Vernon Hills High School)

"Leo Burnett: Responsibility in Advertising" by Angelo F., Tristan T., and Yoni S. (Niles North High School)



Senior Group Documentaries

"The Right of Special Needs Education and Our Responsibility to Provide That" by Jacklyn H., Jana T., and Kourtney S. (Regina Dominican High School)



"The Jane Collective: Organizing with Love at the Center" by Nela H., Sarah N., and Vivian T. (Niles North High School)



Senior Group Documentaries

"The Radium Girls: The Glowing Trials of Women's Rights and Workplace Equality" by Elise P. and Joanna G. (Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science High School)



"The Young People's Concerts: Leonard Bernstein's Responsibility in Bringing Classical Music to All" by Lisa G., Marilyn G., Ripley W., and Thorin W. (Meliora)



TEACHER AND SCHOOL AWARDS

Rookie School of the Year Award



Edward K. "Duke" Ellington Elementary School

Teacher: Kelly Smith



Arthur Anderson Memorial Award for Exemplary Teaching In memory of Arthur Anderson



Bryanne Roemer Maine West High School





Congratulations to all students advancing to Illinois History Day!

Congratulations to our special award winners!



Wrap-up

- Evaluations will be returned via zFairs.
- Certificates and prizes will be mailed to schools in the beginning of April.



State Qualifiers

- Do NOT start a new registration—your existing entry will be promoted to the State Contest.
- You have until April 11 to upload final entry materials—make revisions!
- The State Contest is Thursday, May 1st at the Bank of Springfield Center.
- Attendance is expected in ALL categories. Contact state coordinator Laura Mitchelle if you have a religious or scheduling difficulty. Be kind to your judges and honor your History Day peers by showing up.



Thank you to all students, teachers, parents, judges, and supporters for MAKING HISTORY with History Day in 2025!

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