

**2019 National History Day Award Winners  
Senior Division**

**Individual Performance:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *On the Inside: Nellie Bly Undercover in an Insane Asylum*

Katherine Eichenberger

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Radium Girls: Forcing Industry to See the Light*

Sarah Biernacki

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Black Ice*

Robert Jean-Gilles

**Group Performance:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Margaret Sanger & the Birth Control Movement*

Jennifer Low and Abby Semelsberger

**Individual Documentary:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Battle of the Bulge*

Michael Mathews

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *John Carlos, Tommie Smith and Colin Kapernick: The Triumph and Tragedy of Standing Against Injustice*

Gabriel Medina-Jaudes

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *War and Peace: Bob Marley's Impact*

Julia Giles

**Group Documentary:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Creation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: A Triumph and Tragedy for Humanity*

Grace Colavecchio and Madeleine Gabriel

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Hurricane Katrina: The Tragedy and Triumph of New Orleans*

Moira Contino, Maggie Lalor and Bella Neira

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Unit 731: The Unpunished Scientists Behind the Japanese Holocaust*

Paul Katigbak, Andrew Knowles, Ryan Knowles and Julien Rentsch

**Historical Paper:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Triumph and Tragedy: The Iran-Contra Affair and the Duplicity of the Reagan Administration*

Alice Bradford

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Revolution of the Shah vs. the People*

Tess Stanley

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Henry David Thoreau: Turning Tragedy into Triumph How an American Transcendentalist Helped Fuel the Abolition of Slavery*

Kyra DeSalvo

**Individual Exhibit:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Tragedy of Time, Triumph of Idea: The Life and Legacy of Victoria Woodhull*

Maddy Kye

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Ryan White*

Mia Brown

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Heartbreak Highway*

Jason Verville

**Group Exhibit:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Jungle: The Horrors of the Meat-Packing Industry and How America Overcame It*  
Cianna Batts and Alexis Kaloudis

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Ellis Island Immigration and Medical Inspections*  
Katie Browne, Emily Geller, & Christopher Maichin

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Courage of Love Will Produce Peace*  
Daniela Ramos & Daniela Weihskopf Escobar

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The Mexican Muralist Movement*  
Josie Fasolino and Julia Segal

**Individual Website:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Anarchist Emma Goldman: Tragedies of a Social and Political Activist*  
Natalie Ciccone

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Triumph and Tragedy in Organ Transplant Surgery*  
Finley Dunn

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Nicholas Winton: Triumph in the Face of the Holocaust*  
Luke Rinaldi

**Group Website:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Iranian Hostage Crisis*  
Ryan Hoffmann and Oskar Kilgour

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Bonus Army*  
Daniel Danziger, Joseph Mead, John Panos and Luca Perna

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Federal Regulations After Devastation: How Nations Recovered from the Thalidomide Tragedy*  
Andrew McKenzie, Valerie Rogel, Ella Siepel and Erin Ye

**Junior Division****Historical Paper:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Triumph and Tragedy: The Trail of Tears*  
Anne Tyrrell

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *They Came Here for a Better Life and Experienced Instead Widespread Strife: The True Story of European Immigration and the Harsh Conditions of the Garment District Where Some Were Employed*  
Devon St. John

**Group Performance:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Irena Sendler: The Angel of the Warsaw Ghetto  
Emily Kustera and Tess Markotsis

**Group Exhibit:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Tragedy of the Sodder Family*  
Ronnie Carillo and Anthony Addeo

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Great Purge: A Triumphant Right of Hope in the Face of Tragedy*  
Nicholas Plachta and Griffin Kanzer

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The Triumph and Tragedy of the Nazi Plunder*  
Abby Schueller and Parker Hepworth

**Individual Exhibit:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire*

Chris Nicoletto

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *The Triumphs and Tragedies within the Culper Spy Ring*

Nicolas Francis

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The Battle of Long Island: British Triumph-But Fight for Independence Stays Alive*

Tim Kusterbeck

**Individual Website:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Triumph and Tragedy of the Great Chicago Fire, 1871*

Joanna Kasindorf

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *Ceasefire of the Korean War*

Paige Broderick

**Group Website:**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Ford Motor Company*

JT Casamassima and Tyler Hotine

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The Inca and Pizarro: A Triumphant Society with a Tragic Ending*

Rachel Morina and Emma Hannigan

**Group Documentary:**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** *Civil Abe*

Isaac Joseph and James Masler

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** *Rosalind Franklin: The End Before It Began*

Anshi Paul and Aine Rimkunas

**1<sup>st</sup>:** *The Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Japan in Ruins while America Prevails*

Talia Addeo and McKenna Buffa

**Senior Division Special Awards**

**African-American History Award:**

*The Scottsboro Trials: The Light at the End of the Tunnel*

Cassidy Casabona

**American Labor History:**

*The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory: The Burning and Rebuilding of American Industry*

Tallulah Pitti and Ainsley Proctor

**Asian-American History:**

*San Francisco Earthquake of 1906: Change Born from Tragedy*

Olivia Conte and Jasjeet Kaur

**Citizen Activist Award:**

*On the Inside: Nellie Bly Undercover in an Insane Asylum*

Katherine Eichenberger

**Entry Tied to Historical Site:**

*Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii*

Bella DiBenedetto

**Civil War History Award:**

*Rebel Yell! Union Soldiers in Retreat during the Tragedy of Bull Run*

Henry Stein

**Equality in History Award:**

*The Stonewall Riots: Tearing Down the Wall of Oppression at a Cost*  
Caelan Clayton and Charles Soljanich

**Genocide, Bias, & Tolerance Award:**

*The Ku Klux Klan: America's Plague*  
Ryan Miller, Michael Reed and Joseph Tonjes

**History of Medicine Award:**

*First Do No Harm: How J. Marion Sims' Experiments on Enslaved Women*  
Diya Rai-Gersappe

**Immigration History Award:**

*Ellis Island and Medical Inspections*  
Katie Browne, Emily Geller and Christopher Maichin

**Latino-American History Award:**

*From Saving Lives to Taking Many: Duvalier and His Legacy of Terror!*  
Cristy Elvir

**Archives Award:**

*Virginia Hall: The Limping Lady's Story of her Journey as a Spy*  
Jailyn Fuentes, Maren Grosso, Grace McKean and Alexa Rind

**Military History Award:**

*The Vietnam War and the Effects of Agent Orange*  
Keenan Lyons, Shyann Maragh, Lily Stein and Grace Tyrrell

**Native American History:**

*The Code to Victory: The Navajo Code Talkers*  
Chloe Buffone, Rebecca Hoffmann and Emily Roberts

**Physical Sciences and Technology Award:**

*The Life and Death of Marie Curie*  
Grace Wildermuth

**Sports History Award:**

*Wendell Scott: Racing Against Racial Barriers*  
Craig Haas

**U.S. Constitution Award:**

*A Case of Impeding Justice for One and For Many: Korematsu v. United States*  
Chris Mavrogian and Justin Stevens

**Women's History:**

*Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Triumph and Tragedy in the Fight for Women's Rights*  
Victoria Mangan and Mary Grace Rorke

**Best Topic in Global History 9th Grade:**

*Mourning of Knowledge: The Tragedy of the Library of Alexandria*  
Harrison McKenna

**Best Topic in Global History 10th Grade:**

*Pilgrim State Psych Center*  
Lauren Gooding and Gemma Pellegrini

**Best Topic in American History 11th Grade:**

*"Can we all just get along?" The Riots that Swept  
Los Angeles*  
Nicholas Rowley and Bryce Vitulli

**Clio Award:**

*Abstract Expressionism: Jackson Pollack*  
Catherine McCooey

**Jack Abrams Local History Award:**

*Whaling America's First Meritocracy*  
Ethan McGuinness

**Principal's Award:**

*The Courage of Love for Peace*  
Daniela Ramos and Daniela Weihskopf