

2011 MICHIGAN HISTORY DAY STATE FINALS



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State Finals Winners, and
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What is Michigan History Day?

Michigan History Day (National History Day in Michigan) is an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan, the state's oldest cultural organization. Michigan History Day is part of the National History Day program and is designed to encourage students in grades 4-12 to explore historical subjects related to a broad annual theme.

The theme for 2011 was:

Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences

Michigan History Day offers a fascinating opportunity to learn through hands-on study. Students perform self-directed research on an individually chosen topic. Entries are presented through the allied disciplines of art, literature, music, drama, and visual communications, in addition to writing. The projects grow—participants are encouraged to expand and improve their work between each level of the competition.

Entries may be in any one of seven categories. They include Research Papers (individuals only), Individual or Group Exhibits, Individual or Group Performances, Individual or Group Documentaries, and Websites. Groups may include 2 to 5 students. Students compete in one of three age divisions: Youth (grades 4-5), Junior (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12). Junior and Senior entrants are eligible to proceed to the national finals at National History Day in Maryland in June. Each category in a division is judged separately.

Michigan History Day's ultimate goal is to kindle an appreciation of the past among students of today. The motto of History Day says it all:

*It's not just a day,
It's an experience!*

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Youth Division

INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES

FIRST PLACE:

Proper Women Don't Wear Bloomers

Katy Wilmarth

Hometown: Ypsilanti

School: Ann Arbor Learning Community

SECOND PLACE:

Women on the Frontline

Regan Slone

Hometown: Bangor

School: North Shore Elementary

THIRD PLACE:

Women's Rights: A Debate You Won't Forget

Hailey Watkins

Hometown: South Haven

School: North Shore Elementary

GROUP DOCUMENTARIES

FIRST PLACE:

Saving the Animals: The Debate of the Endangered Species Act

Dalton Bishop, Grant Frabe

Hometown: South Haven

School: North Shore Elementary

SECOND PLACE:

The Atomic Bomb

Turner Hice, Nate Vanderburg

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: Woodward School for Technology and Research

THIRD PLACE:

"I Have a Dream" Speech Successes

Mekylah Byrd, Alora Unger-Branson

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: Woodward School for Technology and Research

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS

FIRST PLACE:

I'm Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired

Erica McDonald

Hometown: Ann Arbor

School: Ann Arbor Learning Community

SECOND PLACE:

President Ford, I Beg Your Pardon??!??

Allison Elnora Ringold

Hometown: Ann Arbor

School: Ann Arbor Learning Community

THIRD PLACE:

Reagan's Speech: A Divided Berlin Reunited

Rebekka Ranta

Hometown: Sault Ste. Marie

School: Soo Township Elementary School

GROUP EXHIBITS

FIRST PLACE:

The Debate About Who Changed Wilson's Mind: Catt vs. Paul

Emma Lynne McRae Roth, Anah Shatz-Muzaffarr

Hometown: Ann Arbor

School: Ann Arbor Learning Community

SECOND PLACE:

Barbary Pirates: How the U.S. Got the U.S.S. Philadelphia Crew Back

Nicholas Cosgrove, Grant Emenheiser, Joel Nicolow

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: Winchell Elementary

THIRD PLACE:

The War at Home: Segregation & Discrimination in the Sojourner Truth Housing Project of 1940s Detroit

Cecilia Adame-Goff, Paige Durr

Hometowns: Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor

School: Ann Arbor Learning Community

PAPERS

FIRST PLACE:

Indians and Their Fishing Rights

Maddison Picotte

Hometown: Dafer

School: Soo Township Elementary School

SECOND PLACE:

Jehovah's Witnesses Fight For the Right to Preach from House to House

Makenzie Cross

Hometown: Sault Ste. Marie

School: Soo Township Elementary School

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

FIRST PLACE:

The Scopes "Monkey" Trial

Asia Korkmaz

Hometown: Ypsilanti

School: Ann Arbor Learning Community

SECOND PLACE:

Elizabeth Cady Stanton: Leader of Women's Suffrage

Lindsay Meeker

Hometown: Hastings

School: Northeastern Elementary School

THIRD PLACE:

Thomas Alva Edison: The Wizard of Menlo Park

Adam Lewis

Hometown: Hastings

School: Northeastern Elementary School

GROUP PERFORMANCE

FIRST PLACE:

A Play of Louis Braille

Valeta Gage, Lydia Kay Gilbert, Danielle Scales, Cami Slater

Hometown: Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Ste. Marie, Barbeau, Sault Ste. Marie

School: Soo Township Elementary School

SECOND PLACE:

Women for Women

Elaine Anderson, Madalyn Michalski, Hannah Thayer

Hometown: Dafter, Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Ste. Marie

School: Soo Township Elementary School

THIRD PLACE:

Immigration

Emma Simon, Savannah Ward

Hometown: South Haven

School: North Shore Elementary

INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

FIRST PLACE:

Lend-Lease Liberators for the Battle of the Atlantic

Nolan Weimer

Hometown: Waterford

School: Notre Dame Prep Marist Academy

SECOND PLACE:

Your Rights as a Student

Joseph Capuano

Hometown: Ypsilanti

School: Ann Arbor Learning Community

THIRD PLACE:

The Night of the Star Spangled Banner

Emma Horton

Hometown: Sault Ste. Marie

School: Soo Township Elementary School

GROUP WEBSITE

FIRST PLACE:

The Nuremburg Trials

Carly Braunz, Cici Wall

Hometown: South Haven

School: North Shore Elementary

Junior Division

INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

The Great Debate That Led to the Great Compromise

Victoria Spiegel

Hometown: Ada

School: Northern Hills Middle School

This Land Is My Land: Leopold Pokagon and the Treaty of Chicago

Jake Heasley

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: The Kazoo School

ALTERNATE:

Sparking World War II: The Treaty of Versailles

Colin Huls

Hometown: Traverse City

School: East Middle School

GROUP DOCUMENTARIES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Hospital vs. Home: America's Debate Over Deinstitutionalization of the Mentally Ill

Hannah Lane-Davies, Hannah Muscara

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: The Kazoo School

The Controversy of the Fugitive Slave Act

Megan Brackmann, Rachel Fanning

Hometown: Grand Rapids, Ada

School: Northern Hills Middle School

ALTERNATE:

Child Labor: The Profitable Debate

Keegan Coles, Nicholas VanderLaan, Bryce Wallace, Nicholas Young

Hometown: Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Ada, Grand Rapids

School: Northern Hills Middle School

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Idlewild: "The Resort Segregation Built"

Olivia Russell

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: Maple Street Middle School

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Enlightening the World Through Diplomacy

Caroline Yapp

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: The Kazoo School

ALTERNATE:

College Education for Women

Rocelia Fahmy

Hometown: Canton

School: All Saints Catholic School

GROUP EXHIBITS

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Roosevelt's New Deal: The Agricultural Adjustment Act

Raymond Engle, Victoria Lynn

Hometown: Grand Rapids

School: Northern Hills Middle School

Shouldering the Debate of Racial Segregation in the Schools: The Ruby Bridges Story

Grace Beck, Cassidy Haan

Hometown: Portage, Kalamazoo

School: The Kazoo School

ALTERNATE:

Ping-Pong: A Diplomatic Endeavor

Natalie Brown, Brooke Perras

Hometown: Grand Rapids

School: Northern Hills Middle School

PAPERS

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Read My Lips or Read My Hands: The Debate That Divided the Deaf

Maya Lannen

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: The Kazoo School

The War That Nobody Won: The War of 1812 and the Treaty of Ghent

Natalie Shabahang

Hometown: Grand Rapids

School: Forest Hills Eastern Middle School

ALTERNATE:

Scopes Monkey Trial

Isaac Bertman

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: The Kazoo School

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

The Troubles: Debate and Diplomacy in Northern Ireland

James Colburn

Hometown: Holland

School: Holland High School

We Came From Where?

Victoria Countryman

Hometown: Grand Rapids

School: Northern Hills Middle School

ALTERNATE:

Anna Howard Shaw: Queen of the Suffrage Platform

Alexis Replogle

Hometown: Middleville

School: Hastings Middle School

GROUP PERFORMANCES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Playball "Breaking the Barrier": Jackie Robinson

Russell Aspinwall, Garrett Fragala

Hometown: Gobles

School: Baseline Middle School

A One Child China—For Better or for Worse

Mayuri Bharathan, Athul Rao, Nithika Sivashankar, Sruthi Sundar

Hometown: Canton

School: Plymouth-Canton Schools

ALTERNATE:

The Quasi War: An Undeclared War Between Two Great Nations

Matthew Holden, Matthew Morello, Paul Tierney, Zach Wingrove

Hometown: Grand Rapids

School: Northern Hills Middle School

INDIVIDUAL WEBSITES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk: A Failed Act of Diplomacy

Emily Rutledge

Hometown: Holland

School: Holland East Middle School

The Treaty that Freed Egypt: the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936

Sarah Karkoura

Hometown: Ada

School: Forest Hills Eastern Middle School

ALTERNATE:

Holy Toledo War: The Battle Over the Michigan-Ohio State Lines

Madelyn Betts

Hometown: Portage

School: The Kazoo School

GROUP WEBSITES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

The Doors to Freedom Are Through Stadium Gates

Andrew Beck, Jacob Hurwitz

Hometown: Portage

School: The Kazoo School

The War of Currents: The Electrifying Debate Over How to Power the World

Michael Mahacek, Jonathan Thomas

Hometown: Grand Rapids

School: Forest Hills Eastern Middle School

ALTERNATE:

The Crédit Mobilier Scandal

Brendan Lenhardt, William Parlmer, Nathan Rodriguez

Hometown: Grand Rapids, Ada, Ada

School: Forest Hills Eastern Middle School

Senior Division

INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

The Toledo War: A Debate Between Two Neighbors

John Bihn

Hometown: Saginaw

School: Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy

Truman's Palestine

D. Paul Vermeesch III

Hometown: Charlevoix

School: Norwood Academy

ALTERNATE:

Detroit Burning: The 12th Street Riot

Mariah Hallstrom

Hometown: Hancock

School: Hancock Central High School

GROUP DOCUMENTARIES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Copper Strike of 1913

Dinah Bekkala, Kaylee Hanson, Brook Harter

Hometown: Calumet, Hancock, Hancock

School: Hancock High School

Curtain of Concrete: The World Divided

Dustin Rens, Nicholas Robinson

Hometown: Comstock Park

School: Comstock Park High School

ALTERNATE:

Alexander the Great: A Diplomatic Legacy

Zana Al-Saloum, Fatima Ghanem, Zeinab Ghanem, Mariam Ghanem,
Hina Haider

Hometown: Dearborn Heights, Dearborn Heights, Dearborn Heights,
Dearborn Heights, Canton

School: Star International Academy

INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

The Equal Rights Amendment: Constitutional Conflicts

Kathryn Caballeros

Hometown: Comstock Park

School: Comstock Park High School

Who Here Is Deemed as Human? Debating the End of Slavery

Meghan Mead

Hometown: Whitehall

School: Whitehall High School

ALTERNATE:

The Boundary Question: A Simple Debate That Caused the Toledo War

Cassie Simula

Hometown: Hancock

School: Hancock Central High School

GROUP EXHIBITS

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Susan B. Anthony Wrongly Accused

Jessica Overholser, Marissa Ross

Hometown: South Haven

School: South Haven High School

Was it Demon Rum or Arbitrary Law?

Tyler Townes, David Ward

Hometown: South Haven

School: South Haven High School

ALTERNATE:

All Your Eggs in One Basket: Debating the Consequences of DDT

Anna Belle Goddard, Mariah Olsson

Hometown: Whitehall, Montague

School: Whitehall High School, Montague High School

PAPERS

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

The Sykes-Picot Agreement and the McMahon-Hussein Correspondence: How Diplomacy Incited Debate

Cameron Shabahang

Hometown: Grand Rapids

School: Forest Hills Eastern High School

Trampled by Destiny

Brooke Marshall

Hometown: Brighton

School: Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy

ALTERNATE:

Consequences of an Extreme Makeover in the White House: Redefining the Role of First Lady

Summer Klomp

Hometown: Montague

School: Whitehall High School

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES**NATIONAL FINALISTS:**

Whaling: Culture or Cruelty

Elissa Bradfield

Hometown: Whitehall

School: Whitehall High School

Who Paves These Streets of Gold? U.S. Italian Immigration in the 20th Century

Alayna Klco

Hometown: Whitehall

School: Whitehall High School

GROUP PERFORMANCES**NATIONAL FINALISTS:**

Debating the Wall: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Calgary Haines-Trautman, Andrea Ringer

Hometown: Plymouth, Canton

School: Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

The Diary of Fashion

Katelyn Anderson, Kelsey Bekkala, Kristen Berg

Hometown: Hancock, Calumet, Hancock

School: Hancock Central High School

ALTERNATE:

Blinded by Color

Lawrence Kadolph, Nate VanAlstine

Hometown: Drummond Island

School: DeTour High School

INDIVIDUAL WEBSITES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Father, Diplomacy; Mother, Debate: The United Nations Is Born

Dominic Surya

Hometown: Holland

School: Holland High School

The Formation of the United Nations: Diplomacy Around the World

Aaron Posega

Hometown: Hancock

School: Hancock Central High School

ALTERNATE:

Louisiana Purchase

Nicole Bouwma

Hometown: DeTour Village

School: DeTour High School

GROUP WEBSITES

NATIONAL FINALISTS:

Korematsu v. United States: Debate of Citizen's Rights

Kirsti Harrison, Karigan Pliml

Hometown: Belmont, Grand Rapids

School: Forest Hills Eastern High School

Urban Renewal—Debate, Diplomacy, and Transformation

Jennifer Becker, Tyler Fink, Dylan Fink

Hometown: Comstock Park

School: Comstock Park High School

ALTERNATE:

Endangered Species Act of 1973—Was It Worth It?

Kelsey Bland, Amanda Carrick

Hometown: Brimley, Eckerman

School: Brimley High School

Special Awards

Best Entry in Michigan History

Sponsored by Meijer

YOUTH: *The War at Home: Segregation & Discrimination in the Sojourner Truth
Housing Project of 1940s Detroit*

Cecilia Adame-Goff, Paige Durr

Hometowns: Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor

School: Ann Arbor Learning Community

JUNIOR: *Idlewild: “The Resort Segregation Built”*

Olivia Russell

Hometown: Kalamazoo

School: Maple Street Middle School

SENIOR: *The Toledo War: A Debate Between Two Neighbors*

John Bihn

Hometown: Saginaw

School: Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy

**Best Entry in Arab World, Islam and the American Muslim Experience
Sponsored by the Arab American National Museum**

JUNIOR: *The Treaty That Freed Egypt: The Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936*
 Sarah Karkoura
 Hometown: Ada
 School: Forest Hills Eastern Middle School

SENIOR: *The Iran Hostage Crisis*
 Malak Aljawobaei, Sabrina Shalhout, Husiena Shalhout
 Hometown: Detroit
 School: Universal Academy

**Best Entry in Use of Oral History
Sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan**

YOUTH: *Indians and Their Fishing Rights*
 Maddison Picotte
 Hometown: Dafer
 School: Soo Township Elementary School

JUNIOR: *The Space Race*
 Seth Rozin
 Hometown: Saginaw
 School: Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy

SENIOR: *How Far Is Too Far? Josef Mengele's Debatable Experiments on the
Twins of Auschwitz*
 Erica LeClaire
 Hometown: Dollar Bay
 School: Dollar Bay-Tamarack City High School

**Best Entry in Use of Primary Sources
Sponsored by the Michigan Archival Association**

- YOUTH:** *Lend-Lease Liberators for the Battle of the Atlantic*
 Nolan Weimer
 Hometown: Waterford
 School: Notre Dame Prep Marist Academy
- JUNIOR:** *Holy Toledo War: The Battle Over the Michigan-Ohio State Lines*
 Madelyn Betts
 Hometown: Portage
 School: The Kazoo School
- SENIOR:** *Debating the Wall: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial*
 Calgary Haines-Trautman, Andrea Ringer
 Hometown: Plymouth, Canton
 School: Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

**Best Entry in Use of Family History
Sponsored by the Michigan Genealogical Council**

- YOUTH:** *Indians and their Fishing Rights*
 Maddison Picotte
 Hometown: Dafter
 School: Soo Township Elementary School
- JUNIOR:** *Dead or Alive, You Decide: The Polio Vaccine Debate*
 Samuel Wilmarth
 Hometown: Ypsilanti
 School: Ann Arbor Learning Community
- SENIOR:** *Who Paves These Streets of Gold? U.S. Italian Immigration in the 20th Century*
 Alayna Klco
 Hometown: Whitehall
 School: Whitehall High School

**Elly Peterson Award for Best Entry in Michigan Women's History
Sponsored by the Michigan Women's Studies Association**

YOUTH: *Girls vs. Boys: Divide and Conquer*
 Lauren Geiger
 Hometown: Twin Lake
 School: Whitehall Early Elementary School

JUNIOR: *Anna Howard Shaw: Queen of the Suffrage Platform*
 Alexis Replogle
 Hometown: Middleville
 School: Hastings Middle School

SENIOR: *Who Here Is Deemed As Human? Debating the End of Slavery*
 Meghan Mead
 Hometown: Whitehall
 School: Whitehall High School

**Sam Breck Award for Best Entry in Railroad History
Sponsored by the Michigan Roundtable, Lexington Group in Transportation
(One Award)**

ALL: *The Crédit Mobilier Scandal*
 Brendan Lenhardt, William Parlmer, Nathan Rodriguez
 Hometown: Grand Rapids, Ada, Ada
 School: Forest Hills Eastern Middle School

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