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**History Day
in Connecticut**

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2012

History Day in Connecticut

teaches, prepares, inspires.



History Day in Connecticut

is an annual program where students in grades 6-12 conduct historical research based on an annual theme, and complete a project that is entered in a local competition.

Participants may: write a paper, do a theatrical performance, design a website, make a documentary, or create an exhibit.

Students enter projects in a District Contest. Top winners are invited to the State Contest, and winners there are invited to the **National Contest**.



History Day in Connecticut is one of 56 affiliate programs of the renowned academic program, **National History Day**.

Students who participate in History Day outperform their peers, of similar academic ability in high-stakes tests, including reading, science, and math, as well as social studies.

2012 Theme: Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History





If I were to explain what the National History Day program means to me, I would tell you that it is

more than just a contest. It is a fun and exciting way to learn history, and at the same time a very rigorous program that changed me when I participated...

Elizabeth Bell, former NHD participant

I learned that history is not just an event that happened in a particular year, but rather it can be very important to our society or to our world as a whole. [History Day] was probably one of the best memories that I will never forget.

**Paulina Koloda,
St Edward School,
Stafford Springs**



Teacher Resources:

Teacher Workshop:

Enjoy an afternoon exploring the CHS's rich collections related to the theme of "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." Go behind-the-scenes to see photographs, documents, letters, and objects from Connecticut's colonial era to the 20th-century. Participating teachers will receive materials for use in their classrooms. Refreshments will be served.

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Time: 5-7pm (.3 CEUs), **Price:** \$30 per person

To register for this workshop, contact the Connecticut Historical Society at (860) 236-5621 x232 or at education_assistant@chs.org



Category Workshops:

Brand NEW!

Coming this fall and winter, look for Category Workshops.

Workshops are designed for both teachers and students. Participants will meet with experts to gain tips for project development and have an opportunity to receive feedback. Check out ct.nhd.org for more information.

Other Resources:

Brand NEW! Curriculum Packets:

Developed by a certified Connecticut Social Studies Teacher with a timeline for project development, lesson ideas, and suggested topics. Yours for free!

The History Day Coordinator has other resources, including Rule Books, Theme Books, and other materials.

I feel this program is a wonderful way to prepare students for college and life in general. The research skills are invaluable!

2011 Participating Teacher

Student Workshops:

Educator-led programs in your classroom or at the Connecticut Historical Society.

Introduction to History Day

This introductory workshop is great for students and teachers new to History Day in Connecticut. Learn all about the History Day program, from the rules and category choices, to what to expect during the competition. Participants will see project examples and learn helpful tips about choosing and researching a topic, organizing their research into an annotated bibliography, and what the judges are looking for.

Program Length: 45 minutes

Cost: \$75 per program plus round trip mileage from the CHS at 60¢ per mile.

Researching with Primary Sources

What is a primary source? Where do you find primary sources both on- and off-line? How do you gather information from primary sources? How do you cite different types of primary sources in a bibliography? This workshop will answer all of those questions and more and is a perfect introduction for building strong research skills necessary for students participating in History Day in Connecticut.

Program Length: 45 minutes

Cost: \$75 per program plus round trip mileage from the CHS at 60¢ per mile.

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For more information contact the State History Day Coordinator at 860-522-6766, ext 11 or rebecca.taber-conover@cga.ct.gov



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Important Dates:

Register for District Contests by: **February 10, 2012**

Register your project at ct.nhd.org

District Contest: March 24, 2012

Locations: Stamford, New Haven, Mansfield, Manchester and Torrington

State Contest in Hartford:

April 28, 2012

National Contest at University of Maryland, College Park:

June 10-14, 2012



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