



History Day in Connecticut

2014/15

Student Choice Student Voice

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is a rigorous academic program for students in grades 6-12 that directly supports the C3 Framework and Core Curriculum. It is one of 56 affiliate programs of the renowned National History Day (NHD) program.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2015

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY *in history*

- Students explore a topic that relates to NHD's annual theme. This year's theme is Leadership & Legacy in History.
- Participants choose whether to work alone or in a group (except for papers).
- Students conduct in-depth research using primary and secondary sources. They analyze sources and explain their topic's significance in history.
- Participants may choose to present their research in one of five ways:
 - write a paper
 - do a theatrical performance
 - design a website
 - make a short documentary
 - create an exhibit.



Participants enter their projects in March at one of six Regional Contests. There are two divisions for participants: **Junior** (6-8 grade) and **Senior** (9-12 grade).

Regional winners participate in the State Contest. Participants who place in the top two in their category at the State Contest attend the National Contest.

While papers and websites are due two weeks in advance of a contest, students in those categories **MUST** be present at the contest in order to be considered for awards.



Students and teachers **MUST** register for contests at www.historydayct.org. Registration for the Regional Contests opens on November 1, 2014 and closes at midnight on January 29, 2015. Registration fee per student is: \$5 for Regional Contests, \$10 for State Contest and must be paid at the time of registration.



Visit the *History Day in Connecticut* website at www.historydayct.org and the *History Day in Connecticut*



Facebook page for information.

The Connecticut State Coordinator's office is located at Connecticut's Old State House in Hartford, Connecticut. For more information contact Rebecca Taber-Conover, State History Day Coordinator, at 860-522-6766, ext. 11 or email historyday@cga.ct.gov.

Several resources are available and can be requested through the website:

- Educator's Handbook
- 2015 Theme Book
- 2015 NHD Rule Book **Brand new!**
- Examples of award-winning projects (available for borrowing)

Please make sure to carefully review the changes in the NHD 2015 Rule Book to familiarize yourself with some of the new category rules.

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"Participating in NHD has been the highlight of my high school career. I have learned so much, not just from my own research, but what I've been able to learn from others as well."

Abigail McMahon, History Day participant

2012 National Winner of Outstanding Entry on the Civil War

Workshops

Saturday, September 27, 2014, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

History Day in Connecticut Kick-Off

Connecticut's Old State House, 800 Main St., Hartford, CT
Get a jump on your History Day project by participating in this workshop! View past projects, discover potential topics, meet representatives from several of CT's heritage organizations and delve into this year's theme with experienced History Day teachers and historians.

Saturday, January 17, 2015, 10 a.m. to Noon

Help from Historians

Carleton/Sprague Room, Student Center
Central Connecticut State University,
1615 Stanley St., New Britain, CT

Worried about the quality of your research? Need some ideas on further avenues of research? Bring your bibliography and talk to some of Connecticut's many historians for advice on your project.

Saturday, February 7, 2015, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Creating a Great Project

Connecticut River Museum, 67 Main St., Essex, CT

How do I turn my research into a great project? Hear from past student winners as they share practical advice and experience from their years of History Day participation. Get helpful tips for all of the categories from the State Coordinator.

The three workshops are **FREE** but please **RSVP to historyday@cga.ct.gov!**

Teacher Workshop

Discover how History Day supports the C3 Framework and the upcoming new Social Studies curriculum. Invite an educator from Connecticut's Old State House to your school and learn more about this academic program and implementing it at your school.

FREE



Student Workshops

Schedule one of these programs for your classroom, led by educators from Connecticut's Old State House.

History Day 101: Using teacher input, we've revamped this workshop for 2015!

Get your students excited and prepared to participate in *History Day in Connecticut*! Discover the many opportunities for student choice and exploration by hearing from past student participants and viewing projects from previous years. Included in the workshop will be a brief discussion of this year's NHD theme.

Please note:

- A DVD player, laptop, and projector are required for this workshop. Please let us know what technology the school can provide.
- The workshop generally lasts 45 minutes.
- This workshop is free, but available on a first come/first served basis. There is a limited amount of scholarship money for travel available on a first come/first served basis.
- To register for the workshop, contact Bruce Reinholdt at historyday@cga.ct.gov or call 860-522-6766, ext. 13.

Interested in a more in-depth program on research and archives? Contact the Connecticut Historical Society or your own local heritage organization!



Important Dates

Registration for Regional Contests must be completed by midnight January 29, 2015. Go to www.historydayct.org to register.

Regional Contests

Torrington: Saturday, March 7, 2015

Location: Torrington High School

New Haven: Saturday, March 14, 2015

Location: Wilbur Cross High School

Mansfield: Saturday, March 21, 2015

Location: Mansfield Middle School

Fairfield: Saturday, March 21, 2015

Location: Fairfield University

Hartford: Saturday March 28, 2015

Location: Capital Community College

Manchester: Saturday, March 28, 2015

Location: Manchester High School

State Contest: May 9, 2015

Central Connecticut State University, New Britain

National Contest: June 14-18, 2015

University of Maryland, College Park

