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and Special Award Recipients**

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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.

For the year 2008, the theme was:

## Conflict and Compromise in History

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 exhibit, Individual or Group performance, Individual or Group documentary, and Websites. Groups may be from 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 College Park Maryland in mid-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 PERFORMANCE

#### FIRST PLACE:

*Sojourner Truth: I Speak the Truth*

Mackenzie Monroe  
Center Elementary School, Hastings

### GROUP PERFORMANCE

#### FIRST PLACE:

*The Salem Witch Trials of 1692: Tituba's Compromise*

Grace Beck, Madelyn Betts, Cassidy Haan, Hannah Muscara, Tristan Woodsmith  
The Kazoo School, Kalamazoo

#### SECOND PLACE:

*UAW Strike of 1936*

Devon Causley, Jesse Cleary, Vincent Perz,  
Drew Pomeroy, Logan Post  
Bay County PSA, Bay City

#### THIRD PLACE:

*2008 Democratic Presidential Debate*

Damon Cove, Lexi Smith, Ryan Thornburgh  
Center Elementary School, Hastings

### INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS

#### FIRST PLACE:

*How Willow Run Helped in WWII*

Gregory Kearns  
Southeast Elementary, Howell

#### SECOND PLACE:

*Harriet Tubman: Conflict and Compromise over Slavery*

Katherine Warren  
Lincoln Elementary, Kalamazoo

THIRD PLACE:

*The Delaney Sisters*

Chelsea Robinson  
Ann Arbor Learning Center, Ann Arbor

GROUP EXHIBITS

FIRST PLACE:

*Louisa May Alcott*

Julee Tellkamp, Lucy Carlson  
Bailey and Grant MI

SECOND PLACE:

*1913 Italian Hall Massacre*

Ben Packard, Katriina Kreiner  
Ann Arbor Learning Center, Ann Arbor

THIRD PLACE:

*Native American*

Genevieve Wisby, Elizabeth Grifka  
Southeast Elementary School, Howell

INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

FIRST PLACE:

*The Great Depression in Michigan*

Autumn Alexander  
Bay County PSA, Bay City

SECOND PLACE:

*Michigan and the Underground Railroad*

Cristian Chapa  
Bay County PSA, Bay City

THIRD PLACE:

*African Americans in Sports*

Victor Kuhl  
Bay County PSA, Bay City

## GROUP DOCUMENTARY

### FIRST PLACE:

*The Red Man's Land, The White Man's Way*

Edwin Yazbec, Theodore Rotkiewic  
Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington

### SECOND PLACE:

*Vietnam: The Jungle War*

Collin Hayes, Ryan Rainey  
North Shore Elementary, South Haven

### THIRD PLACE:

*The Orphan Train*

Kaitlyn Lecodet, Miranda Schatzer  
Bay County PSA, Bay City

## HISTORICAL PAPER

### FIRST PLACE:

*Toledo War*

Nicholas Liu  
Lawton Elementary School, Ann Arbor

### SECOND PLACE:

*The Shot Heard Around the World*

Paige McKenzie  
McAlear Sawden Elementary, Bay City

### THIRD PLACE:

*King George the Terrible*

Allysen Yurgaites  
McAlear Sawden Elementary, Bay City

## JUNIOR DIVISION

### INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

#### NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Detroit Woolworth Strike of 1937*

Alayna Klco  
Whitehall Middle School, Whitehall

#### NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Hatfields and McCoys*

Alexander Arnold  
Holland East Middle School, Holland

### GROUP PERFORMANCE

#### NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Salem Witch Trials*

Brianne Hemmeke, Monica Ellis  
Holland West Middle School, Holland

#### NATIONAL FINALIST:

*The Village that Cried "Witch!"*

Shannon Guo, Andrea Ringer, Calgary Haines-Trautman, Meghan Hoffman,  
Andrew Matthew  
East Middle School, Plymouth

#### ALTERNATE:

*Fighting for Women's Rights*

Sarah Christ, Allyson Williams  
The Gage School, Kalamazoo

### INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS

#### NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Doctors with Disabilities*

Summer Klomp  
Whitehall Middle School, Whitehall

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*The 1913-1914 Strike*

Kalle Markkanen  
Houghton Middle School, Houghton

ALTERNATE:

*Michael Collins*

Jessica Wojtczak  
Forest Hills Central Middle School, Grand Rapids

GROUP EXHIBITS

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*The Rwandan Genocide*

Andreas Slette, Edric Lin, Joel Chamness  
Holland West Middle School, Holland

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Salem Witch Trials*

DeAnna Scheid, Sydney Dennen, Lindsey Erickson, Jordan Yob, Mallory Simon  
Forest Hills Central Middle School, Grand Rapids

ALTERNATE:

*Mother Jones: The Last Thread of Hope*

Megan Legault, Lexie Lynn, Alexis Martin-Browne, Angel Wang  
Northern Hills Middle School, Grand Rapids

INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Civil Rights Movement*

Kateri Stachowicz  
Whitehall Middle School, Whitehall

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Battle of Hattin*

Noah Attal  
Forest Hills Eastern Middle School, Grand Rapids

ALTERNATE:

*Job Loss in Michigan*

Cameron Sleeper  
Northshore Elementary, South Haven

GROUP DOCUMENTARY

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Michigan's Boundary War*

Matt George, Jason Valence  
The Gage School, Kalamazoo

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*A Turning Point for the UAW!*

Lauren Brady, Chloe-Rose Less  
Kazoo School, Kalamazoo

ALTERNATE:

*Scoping Out Evolution: The Trial and the Violation*

John Kim, Christopher Symons  
Northern Hills Middle School, Grand Rapids

HISTORICAL PAPER

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Foreign Influence in the Spanish Civil War*

Cameron Shabahang  
Forest Hills Eastern Middle School, Grand Rapids

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*The Attica Prison Riot*

Dorthea Leisman  
Ada Christian School, Ada

ALTERNATE:

*Storming the Bastille*

Thomas Van Noord  
Ada Christian School, Ada

INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Auschwitz*

Jakob Gibson  
Holland West Middle Schools, Holland

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*The Treaty of Versailles*

Dominic Surya  
Holland West Middle School, Holland

ALTERNATE:

*The Effects and Debate of Hiroshima and Nagasaki*

Clara Cullen; Dara Kammeraa  
Forest Hills Eastern Middle School, Grand Rapids

## SENIOR DIVISION

### INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Margaret Sanger Story*

Monica Caballeros-O'Rourke  
Comstock Park High School, Comstock Park

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Treaty of Paris*

Charles Bradfield  
Whitehall High School, Whitehall

ALTERNATE:

*Flygirls! The Sky's the Limit!*

Anastasia Bury  
Marquette Senior High School, Marquette

### INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Per Aspera Ad Astra*

Bruce Dixon  
Grant High School, Grant

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Book Banning*

Natasha Brandel  
Whitehall High School, Whitehall

ALTERNATE:

*Quiet No More*

Sarah Kelly  
Jeffers High School, Painsdale

GROUP EXHIBIT

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*The Detroit Riots*

Misty Blain, Kelly Cousineau  
Grant High School, Grant

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*1913-1914: The Strike of Michigan's Copper Mines*

Brittany Puska, Hannah Rundman  
Jeffers High School, Painesdale

ALTERNATE:

*World War I: Soldiers and the Homefront*

Amanda Baker, Carey Heeres, Kelsi Johnson  
Heritage Christian Academy, Kalamazoo

INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Cloudy with a Chance of Terror*

Alycia Choroszuca  
Comstock Park High School, Comstock Park

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Queen Zenobia and Her Buried Lands*

Taima Attal  
Forest Hills Eastern, Grand Rapids

ALTERNATE:

*Conflict Over Compromise: The Treaty of Versailles*

Angele Yazbec  
Marion High School, Bloomfield Hills

GROUP DOCUMENTARY

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Brown vs. Board of Education*

Corinne Ghastin, Linda (Wenjun) Ling,  
Lavanya Rao  
Salem High School, Canton

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Gerald R. Ford*

Jaime Coon, Alexandria Klomparens, Logan O'Neal  
Holland High School, Holland

ALTERNATE:

*Sectarian Violence in Northern Ireland*

Katie Malnight, Gannon McHenry, John O'Neill, Joey Stephenson  
Grand Haven High School, Grand Haven

HISTORICAL PAPER

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*The 1941 Ford Strike*

Robert Bowen  
Detroit Country Day, Beverly Hills

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*The 12th Street Riot*

Brianne Bowen  
Detroit Country Day, Beverly Hills

ALTERNATE:

*Conflicts Caused by the Japanese American Internment*

Brittany Zhang  
Detroit County Day, Beverly Hills

WEBSITE

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Khmer Rouge Two Million Dead*

Kirsti Wall  
Hancock High School, Hancock

NATIONAL FINALIST:

*Civil Disobedience*

Emily Keller  
Whitehall High School, Whitehall  
Whitehall, MI

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

Best Entry in Michigan History  
Sponsored by: The Friends of Michigan History

YOUTH: *How Willow Run Helped in WWII*  
Gregory Kearns  
Southeast Elementary, Howell

JUNIOR: *The 1913-1914 Copper Mine Strike*  
Kalle Markkanen  
Houghton Middle School, Houghton

SENIOR *The 12th Street Riot*  
Brienne Bowen  
Detroit Country Day, Beverly Hills

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

YOUTH: *Sojourner Truth: I Speak the Truth*  
Mackenzie Monroe  
Center Elementary School, Hastings

JUNIOR: *Detroit Woolworth Strike of 1937*  
Alayna Klco  
Whitehall Middle School, Whitehall

SENIOR: *World War I: Soldiers and the Homefront*  
Amanda Baker, Carey Heeres, Kelsi Johnson  
Heritage Christian Academy, Kalamazoo

Best Entry in Transportation History  
Sponsored by the Michigan Roundtable, Lexington Group in Transportation

YOUTH: *The Orphan Train*  
Kaitlyn Lecodet, Miranda Schatzer  
Bay County PSA, Bay City

There were no Junior or Senior entries qualifying for this award.

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

YOUTH: *Temperature Rising: Cars vs. Earth*  
Mackenzie Brandel  
Ealy Elementary, Muskegon

JUNIOR: *Doctors with Disabilities*  
Summer Klomp  
Whitehall Middle School, Whitehall

SENIOR: *Per Aspera Ad Astra*  
Bruce Dixon  
Grant High School, Grant

James Campbell Award  
Best Entry in the Use of Oral History  
Sponsored by the Michigan Oral History Association

YOUTH: *1913 Italian Hall Massacre*  
Ben Packard, Katriina Kreiner  
Ann Arbor Learning Center, Ann Arbor

JUNIOR: *Job Loss Now and the Great Depression in the Michigan  
Production Industry*  
Cameron Sleeper  
Northshore Elementary, South Haven

SENIOR: *Book Banning*  
Natasha Brandel  
Whitehall High School, Whitehall

Best Use of Family History  
Sponsored by the Michigan Genealogical Council

YOUTH: *Louisa May Alcott*  
Julee Tellkamp, Lucy Carlson  
Grant and Bailey MI

JUNIOR: *Job Loss in Michigan*  
Cameron Sleeper  
Northshore Elementary, South Haven

SENIOR: *Iron Men of Metz*  
Courtney Johnson, Tyler Jensen  
Grant High School, Grant

*Best Entry in Arab World, Islam and the American Muslim Experience*

JUNIOR:     *Battle of Hattin*  
Noah Attal  
Forest Hills Eastern Middle School, Grand Rapids

SENIOR:     *Queen Zenobia and Her Buried Lands*  
Taima Attal  
Forest Hills Eastern Middle School, Grand Rapids

There was no Youth award.

*Best Entry in Labor History*

YOUTH:     *The Conflict and Compromise of the UAW*  
Devon Causley, Jesse Cleary, Vincent Perz, Drew Pomeroy, Logan Post  
Bay County PSA, Bay City

JUNIOR:     *A Turning Point for the UAW!*  
Lauren Brady, Chloe-Rose Less  
Kazoo School, Kalamazoo

SENIOR:     *The Ludlow Massacre*  
Samuel Tzou  
H.H. Dow High School, Midland

There were no qualifying entries for Best Entry in Great Lakes Maritime History sponsored by the Great Lakes Maritime History Association.

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