



Vermont History Day 2025

Category Award Winners

Junior Division

Junior Paper

First Place The Case of Mendez v. Westminster: How it Changed School Segregation and Civil Rights for Children of Mexican Descent

Aitana Seville, Green Mountain Union High School, Cavendish, VT

Second Place Act 250, Freedom, and Unity: Rights of the Landowners vs. Responsibilities of the State

Abraham Rosenberg, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Junior Individual Website

First Place Censorship The Pentagon Papers: A Test of the Rights and Responsibilities of a Free Press

Micah Jacobson, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Second Place The Formation of the National Parks System

Simon Eikenberry, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Junior Group Website

First Place The Red Revolution

Braeden Schuren Burns, Samuel Soria, William Curtis, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Second Place Seneca Falls Convention

Eilidh Corbett, Ruthie Noyes, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Junior Individual Performance

First Place Dmitri Shostakovich: Creativity Amidst Conflict

Case Phinney, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Second Place Hollywood Blacklist the performance

Ezra Blum, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Junior Group Performance

First Place Jane Addams: Advocate for all, Heroine in Action

Celia Celia McCormick, Mattea McCormick, Christ the King School, Hinesburg, VT

Second Place The Homestead Strike of 1892: Labor rights and the responsibilities of factory owners

Ashlyn Forsyth, Esme Beaudry, Petra Bay-Hansen, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Junior Individual Documentary

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First Place Rights and Responsibilities of the International Whaling Commission and the Moratorium of 1982: saving a species from extinction.

Lauren Richardson, Lyndon Town School, Lyndonville, VT

Second Place Rules and Regulations of the Internet

Mattia Ancel, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Junior Group Documentary

First Place Alice Paul: A Powerful Voice for Women's Rights

Eden Kelly, Natalie Flannery, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Second Place Ancient Babylon: How Hammurabi and Cyrus the Great Defined Rights for the Ancient World

Liam Moore, Otis Taylor, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Third Place Horace Greeley and the Slavery Question: The Responsibility to Influence President Lincoln

Abigail Rose, Emma Boyer, Poultney High School, Poultney, VT

Junior Individual Exhibit

First Place The Downfall of the Guillotine

Izik Currier, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Second Place The Rights and Responsibilities of Hunting in Vermont

Corbin Kieslich, Christ the King School, Jericho, VT

Third Place The Right to Security is the Path Towards Responsibility: Royal Canadian Navy Against the U-boat in Western Atlantic Waters During World War One

Vasiliy Synkov, Homeschool, Roxbury, VT

Junior Group Exhibit

First Place Roe v. Wade Throughout History

Adela Johns, Lila McLernon, Main Street Middle School, Roxbury, VT

Second Place VT yankee

Emmett Hock, Kiersten Briggs Campbell, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Third Place Injustices Against Women in Iran

Eli Morrill, Keegan Lisko, Addison Northwest Supervisory District, Addison, VT

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Awards Senior Division

Senior Paper

First Place "The Natural Rights of Human Nature": How the Vermont Constitution and Responsibility Vermont felt for Gay Couples led to Marriage Access for All

Jing Williams, Addison Northwest Supervisory District, Vergennes, VT

Second Place The Right to Read: The First Amendment and Book Banning in Vermont Schools

Quincy Sabick, Addison Northwest Supervisory District, Vergennes, VT

Senior Individual Website

First Place The Era of Yellow Journalism: How Far Should the Media be able to go?

Elise O'Brien, Union 32, Montpelier, VT

Second Place History Heritage: How the Green Mountain State Highlights a Nation Wide Discussion of Identity and Culture

Georgia Kunkel, Addison Northwest Supervisory District, Vergennes, VT

Senior Group Website

First Place The Keating-Owen Act of 1916: A Responsible Government's Attempt to Protect Children's Rights in the Workplace

Asher Phillips, Ayush Kyasa, Ricky Ni, Teo Charlebois, Tiger Jia

Second Place Understanding the Power of Fashion

Baylie Paul, Eleanor Wallace-Brodeur, Ella MacCormack, Josie Stude

Senior Individual Performance

First Place Henry Knox: Taking A Stand for Freedom

McKinley Keaffaber, Mount Anthony Union High School, Bennington, VT

Second Place The Oracle and The Pontiff: Religious Responsibilities

Vivien Liversedge, South Burlington High School, South Hero, VT

Senior Group Performance

First Place Black Swan: How One Brave Dancer Changed Ballet Forever

Abigail Lynch, Cedric Minier, Jasper McGibney, South Burlington High School, South Burlington, VT

Senior Individual Documentary

First Place The Right to Suffer - The 1963 Birmingham Children's Marches

Samara Davis, Union 32, Marshfield, VT

Second Place Conscientious Objectors in the Vietnam War: Personal Beliefs and Rights v. Legal Responsibilities

Asa Rosenberg, Montpelier High School, Montpelier, VT

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Awards

Third Place Broken Rights: Aleut Relocation during World War II

Taylor Smith, Homeschool, Reading, VT

Senior Group Documentary

First Place Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: Stories Under Dictatorship

Delilah Wade, Jacquelyn Van Gilder-Nellis, Laura Marcu, South Burlington High School, South Burlington, VT

Second Place Equal Rights Amendment : Where Are We Now?

Ace McCarthy-beam, Jumana Nsour, South Burlington High School, South Burlington, VT

Senior Individual Exhibit

First Place from Refugee to Resident

Peter Lyon, South Burlington High School, South Burlington, VT

Second Place Mary Katherine Goddard: A Printer, Post-Mistress, and Citizen's Declaration Against Oppression

Ada Allen, Craftsbury Academy, Craftsbury Common, VT

Third Place Women and World War Two: Few Rights but Many Responsibilities

Charlotte Coffey, Addison Northwest Supervisory District, Vergennes, VT

Senior Group Exhibit

First Place Radium Girls

Chloe Duell, Emijoi Kukatla, South Burlington High School, South Burlington, VT

Second Place The Building of The Berlin Wall: Deconstruction of Rights

Madison Madison Atwood, Willoughby Mikus, Union 32, Northfield, VT

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Awards Special Awards

Arts and Medicine Prize

Sponsored by Brenda and Stephen Perkins

Junior Group Documentary Margaret Sanger: The Mother of Birth Control

Lia Tarrant, Lydia Bearsch, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation History Prize

Sponsored by Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation

Senior Individual Documentary Broken Rights: Aleut Relocation during World War II

Taylor Smith, Homeschool, Reading, VT

Freedom and Unity Civics Prize

Sponsored by The Friends of the Vermont State House

Junior

Group Documentary Medicaid; Right or Responsibility

Skyler Barnard, Teddy Fournier, Will Duggan, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Senior

Individual Website History Heritage: How the Green Mountain State Highlights a Nation Wide Discussion of Identity and Culture

Georgia Kunkel, Addison Northwest Supervisory, Vergennes, VT

George F. Edmunds Memorial Prize

Sponsored by Vermont Historical Society through the George F. Edmunds Fund

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Junior Group Website The Robinsons of Rokeby

Astrid Kim, Elin Benoit, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

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Horace Greeley Foundation American Freedom Award

Sponsored by The Horace Greeley Foundation

Junior Individual Exhibit John Peter Zenger's Trial: Paving The Way For The Rights Of Freedom Of The Press And Speech And The Failures To Uphold Responsibilities They Entail In Modern-Day

Xavier Giulianelli, Christ the King School, Burlington, VT

International Studies Award

Sponsored by Terry Buehner

Junior

First Place

Junior Individual Performance Marquis de Lafayette: Responsibilities to the Revolution and the Rights for Man

Natalie Leonard, Lyndon Town School, Lyndonville, VT

Second Place

Junior Paper Armenian Genocide

Salvador Doyle, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Senior

First Place

Individual Website Jesse Owens at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

Cole Page, Union 32, Montpelier, VT

Second Place

Group Exhibit The Building of The Berlin Wall: Deconstruction of Rights

Madison Atwood, Willoughby Mikus, Union 32, Montpelier, VT

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History Award

Sponsored by Vermont LGBTQ History Project

Senior Individual Exhibit Stigma, Suffering, and Systematic Neglect : How The Reagan Administration Eroded The Civil Rights Of AIDS Patients

Amelia Cornelius, Lyndon Institute, Lyndonville, VT

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Lost Mural and Little Jerusalem Prize

Sponsored by The Lost Mural Project

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Group Documentary Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: Stories Under Dictatorship

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Military History Prize

Sponsored by Norwich University

Senior Group Website Navajo Code Talkers: Fighting for America

Gretchen Edwards, Leela Sides, Mia Konefal, South Burlington High School, South Burlington, VT

Mollie Beattie Memorial Environmental Prize

Sponsored in Memory Of Mollie Beattie

Junior Individual Documentary Rights and Responsibilities of the International Whaling Commission and the Moratorium of 1982: saving a species from extinction.

Lauren Richardson, Lyndon Town School, Lyndonville, VT

Truth and Reconciliation Award

Sponsored by Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Junior Group Documentary How The Black Panther Party Changed America

Greta Sargent, Valerie Hlivkova, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Vermont History Award

Sponsored by Vermont Historical Society

Junior

Paper Miss Ross' Girls: The Riverside Women's Reformatory

Alice Brown, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT

Senior

Individual Documentary Home Sweet Home: COTS Journey to Fight Homelessness in Vermont

Sophia Johnson, Addison Northwest Supervisory, Vergennes, VT

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Vermont State Archives Award for Outstanding Use of Primary Sources

Sponsored by Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Secretary of State

First Place

Senior Individual Website The Moral Dilemmas of the Stanford Prison Experiment

Elsie Koger, Union 32, Montpelier, VT

Second Place

Junior Individual Exhibit Edwin Horton's Letters: A Civil War Soldier's Legacy from Chittenden, Vermont

Emery Hummel, Barstow Elementary, Barstow, VT

Women's History Award

Sponsored by Patricia Passmore Alley In Memory Of Helen Vrooman Passmore

Junior Group Exhibit Roe v. Wade Throughout History

Adela Johns, Lila McLernon, Main Street Middle School, Montpelier, VT