

# OHIO HISTORY DAY

## 2026 National Contest Results

### Top 10 Finalists

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Junior Paper

**Students:** Anne Fei

**Project Title:** Blood or Birthplace? How United States v. Wong Kim Ark Revolutionized Citizenship in America

**School:** Birchwood School of Hawken

**Teacher:** Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer & Edward Hume

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Junior Group Documentary

**Students:** Haadi Nouman & Viyan Kshetry

**Project Title:** Toxic Wake-Up: The 1993 Cleveland Lead Summit That Stirred Citizens and Shaped Reform

**School:** Birchwood School of Hawken

**Teacher:** Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer & Edward Hume

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Place- Junior Individual Documentary

**Students:** Nathan Thomas

**Project Title:** Echoes of the Plains: The Wounded Knee Occupation and the Fight to Reform Native American Rights

**School:** Birchwood School of Hawken

**Teacher:** Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer & Edward Hume

### Outstanding Entries

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#### Junior Division

**Students:** Susan Stewart-Pirone

**Project Title:** Silence = Death: How ACT UP Turned Emotion into Action

**Category:** Individual Documentary

**School:** Walnut Hills High School

**Teacher:** Independent Entry

#### Senior Division

**Students:** Gabriel Heard & Masen Nelson

**Project Title:** A Silver Lining in a Performative Paradox: The Legacy of the Aristocrat of Harlem (The Cotton Club)

**Category:** Group Documentary

**School:** Toledo Early College

**Teacher:** Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler

### Special Award Winners

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## 2026 National Contest Results

Discovery or Exploration in History

Students: Bram Turturici, Calvin Wilson, Lucas Tcheurekdjian & Marios Kallergis  
Project Title: Vera Rubin: A Pioneer in Science and Gender Equality  
Category: Senior Group Website  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher: Sarah Davis & Joseph Konopinski

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### 2026 National Qualifiers

#### Junior Group Documentary

Students: Bodi Elliott, Gabe Elliott  
Project Title: The Bridge that Changed America  
School: Independent Entry  
Teacher: Gwen Elliott

Students: Vivan Kshetry, Haadi Nouman  
Project Title: Toxic Wake-Up: The 1993 Lead Summit That Stirred Citizens and Shaped Reform  
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

#### Senior Group Documentary

Students: Joshua Gordon, Joshua Chen, Joshua Thomas  
Project Title: "Justice for Vincent Chin!" The Murder that Mobilized a Movement  
School: St. Ignatius High School  
Teacher: Joe Ptak

Students: Gabriel Heard, Masen Nelson  
Project Title: A Silver Lining in a Performative Paradox: The Legacy of the Aristocrat of Harlem (The Cotton Club)  
School: Toledo Early College  
Teacher: Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler

#### Junior Group Exhibit

Students: Skye Bondy, Kamari Carpenter, Genevieve Hess  
Project Title: The 1918 Flu Pandemic Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio  
School: Buckeye Trail Middle & High School  
Teacher: Toni Gallow



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## 2026 National Contest Results

Students: Lucas Cook, Zhiying Yuan, Sophie Hao  
Project Title: From Patients to Athletes: The Revolution of Respect in the Paralympic Games  
School: Mason Intermediate School  
Teacher: Jill Hartsock

### Senior Group Exhibit

Students: Samuel Claspy, Saint Anthony Crawford V, Joseph Friguglietti, Matthew Moore  
Project Title: "The George Washington of Saint Domingue," Toussaint Louverture's Revolution and the Global Reaction to Slavery  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

Students: Mariana Smith, Anajoselyn Cruz, Karina Cruz  
Project Title: The United Farm Workers  
School: Toledo Early College  
Teacher: Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler

### Junior Group Performance

Students: Devang Pareek, Mia Woodley  
Project Title: From Challenge to Change: Revolutionizing Women's Rights through Moritz v. Commissioner  
School: Independent Entry  
Teacher: Independent Entry

Students: Eve Thompson, Trisha Sriniketh, Architha Reddy  
Project Title: Church Reformation of England  
School: Mason Intermediate School  
Teacher: Jill Hartsock

### Senior Group Performance

Students: Rachel Klein, Pom Ziv, Saya Walters  
Project Title: Radium Girls: Doomed to Die  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher: Joseph Konopinski

Students: Vibha Balasubramaniam, Laura Holbrook, Ava Mason  
Project Title: "Don't Pass the Babies By" - Martin Couney's Coney Island Incubator Exhibit  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher: Sarah Davis



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### Junior Group Website

Students: Niko Constantinou, Noah DeLuca, Millan Babu  
Project Title: Revolutionary Resting: How The Akron Sit-Down Strike Brought Reform To Goodyear's Factories  
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Students: Nicholas Hartman II, Kristen Howard  
Project Title: The Influence of The Capitol Crawl  
School: Toledo Early College  
Teacher: Allison Edler, Zachary Shepler

### Senior Group Website

Students: Bram Turturici, Calvin Wilson, Lucas Tcheurekdjian, Marios Kallergis  
Project Title: Vera Rubin: A Pioneer in Science and Gender Equality  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

Students: Liam Calabrese, Henry Burkhart, Matias Pusa  
Project Title: Ink, Blood, and Crack Cocaine: How Gary Webb's Investigation into the CIA caused Public Outrage, and its Impact on Government Accountability  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher: Sarah Davis, Joseph Konopinski

### Junior Individual Documentary

Students: Nathan Thomas  
Project Title: Echoes of the Plains: The Wounded Knee Occupation and the Fight to Reform Native American Rights  
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Students: Susan Stewart-Pirone  
Project Title: Silence = Death: How ACT UP Turned Anger and Fear into Action and Change  
School: Walnut Hills High School  
Teacher: Joseph Stewart-Pirone

### Senior Individual Documentary

Students: Ethan Daniels  
Project Title: Frank Lloyd Wright and The Birth of Organic Architecture  
School: Toledo Early College  
Teacher: Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler



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Students: David Machak  
Project Title: America's Burning River  
School: Western Reserve Academy  
Teacher: Sarah Horgan

### Junior Individual Exhibit

Students: Alice Gutridge  
Project Title: The 1970s Reclamation of the Pink Triangle  
School: Walnut Hills High School  
Teacher: Samantha Bramlage

Students: James Ryba  
Project Title: The Mold That Mended Millions: The Invention of Penicillin  
School: St. Barnabas School  
Teacher: Andrea Scullion

### Senior Individual Exhibit

Students: Joseph Smith  
Project Title: Standing Alone: The courage of Ida B. Wells  
School: Berne Union High School  
Teacher: Julie Cornell

Students: Stephanie Liu  
Project Title: A Study in Deception: The Tuskegee Syphilis Study and the Reckoning of American Medical Ethics  
School: Columbus Academy  
Teacher: Tim Morford

### Junior Individual Performance

Students: Graham Walker  
Project Title: John Muir : Revolution, Reaction, Reform  
School: Gallia Academy Middle School  
Teacher: Megan Lawhon

Students: Corrado Naples  
Project Title: Virtue After Vietnam: How Reactions to the Bui Doi Inspired Reforms in America's Immigration Policies  
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume



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### Senior Individual Performance

Students: Ananya Kandel  
Project Title: The Fight of America's Glowing Radium Girls  
School: Toledo Early College  
Teacher: Zachary Shepler, Allison Edler

Students: Greyson Hearing  
Project Title: Revolution on the Airwaves: Sesame Street and the Reaction to Educational Integration  
School: Maysville High School  
Teacher: Lance Mcgee

### Junior Individual Website

Students: Julie Swedeh  
Project Title: Killing Polio: The Medical Revolution That Saved Millions from Paralysis  
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher: Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Students: Emily Dury  
Project Title: Katherine Johnson - One of NASA's Hidden Figures  
School: St. Agatha School  
Teacher: Nicholas Moore

### Senior Individual Website

Students: Ella Tang  
Project Title: Víctor Jara and Nueva Canción: A Musical Revolution  
School: Columbus Academy  
Teacher: Tim Morford

Students: Calvin Lei  
Project Title: The Race That Changed Racing: Tragedy and the Safety Revolution in Formula One  
School: Hawken Upper School  
Teacher: Mati Barker

### Junior Paper

Students: Anne Fei  
Project Title: Blood or Birthplace? How United States v. Wong Kim Ark Revolutionized Citizenship in America  
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Students: AirMarie Stanley  
Project Title: The Oberlin-Wellington Rescue  
School: Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students  
Teacher: Steven Lewis, Ben Rall

### Senior Paper

Students: Omar Elbadawy  
Project Title: Romania's Revolution of 1989: The Violent Path from Dictatorship to Reform  
School: Hawken Upper School  
Teacher: Mati Barker

Students: Isaiah Fuhr  
Project Title: Tinker vs. Des Moines: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform  
School: Rock Hill High School  
Teacher: Rhonda Hacker



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