



Cleveland
History Center



Region 3 Ohio History Day – Category Award Winners, March 7, 2026

All category award winners (first, second, third, and honorable mentions) and Champ's Pick Award winners qualify for the Ohio History Day state contest on April 18, 2026.

Junior Group Documentary

Third Place

"Feeling Right": How Stowe's Revolutionary Novel Sparked Reactions and Ignited Reform

Danah Jang and Tzurielle Parrino

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, and Edward Hume

Second Place

Toxic Wake-Up: The 1993 Lead Summit That Stirred Citizens and Shaped Reform

Viyana Kshetry and Haadi Nouman

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, and Edward Hume

First Place

Engineering the Invisible: How the B2 Bomber Revolutionized Stealth Aviation

Daniel Chin and Nick Engstrom

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, and Edward Hume

Senior Group Documentary

Honorable Mention

A Revolution for Unions; The Little Steel Strike of 1937

William Jevic, Chaatwik Nettem, and Harinandhan Vasanthakumar

Strongsville High School

Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Third Place

When History Refused to Be Forgotten: Nanjing and the Struggle for Historical Justice

Shuzi Li and Xinxin Chang
Rocky River High School
Teacher(s): Terrance Hudson

Second Place

"Justice for Vincent Chin!" The Murder that Mobilized a Movement
Joshua Gordan, Joshua Chen, and Joshua Thomas
St. Ignatius High School
Teacher(s): Joe Ptak

First Place

Jazz, The Harlem Renaissance, and The Roaring Twenties — The Cotton Club
Colin Berg, Evan Wong, Samuel Moyer, and Owen Misch
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Junior Group Exhibit

Honorable Mention

Bars, Blood, and a Breaking Point: How Attica Reformed American Prisons
David Scaparotti, Samuel Glick, and Benjamin Ticak
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, and Edward Hume

Third Place

A River of Revolution: How Ripley, Ohio Challenged Slavery and Inspired Reform
Pearl Zhu and Rebecca Samulak
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, and Edward Hume

Second Place

How Did The Lebensborn Program Lead to a Reaction and Reform in History
Neve Belenky and Kai Hinds
Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Megan Dolar

First Place

From Treaty to Trajectory: How NATO Sparked Reform and Revolutionized Global Stability
Luke Xie and Elijah Hatten
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, and Edward Hume

Senior Group Exhibit

Honorable Mention

"The George Washington of Saint Domingue," Toussaint Louverture's Revolution and the Global Reaction to Slavery

Samuel Claspy, Saint Anthony Crawford V, Joseph Friguglietti, and Matthew Moore
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Honorable Mention

"L'État Indépendant" du Congo
Annabelle Greenway and Angelina Zheng
Strongsville High School
Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Third Place

Napalm: Redefining Explosives
Cate Wanick, Dalia Epstein, and Tate Polatz
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

A Reform Towards Democracy: The Velvet Revolution of 1989
Reeve Vincent, Andrew Khawam, Maaz Ali
St. Ignatius High School
Teacher(s): Joe Ptak

First Place

A Community Engineered for Equality: The Legacy of the Ludlow Association in Shaker Heights
Maizy Machmer-Wessels, Eve Blocker, Sophia McCarthy, and Rachel Hren
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Junior Group Performance

First Place

From Challenge to Change: Revolutionizing Women's Rights through Moritz v. Commissioner
Devang Pareek and Mia Woodley
Independent Entry

Senior Group Performance

Third Place

Radium Girls: Doomed to Die
Rachel Klein, Pom Ziv, and Saya Walters
Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

"Don't Pass the Babies By" - Martin Coney's Coney Island Incubator Exhibit
Vibha Balasubramaniam, Laura Holbrook, and Ava Mason
Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis

First Place

The Forfeited Self: A Feminist Revolt Authored by Betty Friedan

Charles Hudson, Anna Kaminski, and Zoe Griest

Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis

Junior Group Website

Third Place

From Paddle to Policy: How Ping Pong Sparked a Diplomatic Revolution

Henry Zhou and Edward Ip

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Second Place

A Scout's Honor in City Hall: Harold Hitz Burton's Revolutionary Leadership in Cleveland

Enoch Lin and Godwin Kude

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

First Place

Revolutionary Resting: How The Akron Sit-Down Strike Brought Reform To Goodyear's Factories

Niko Constantinou, Noah DeLuca, and Millan Babu

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Senior Group Website

Third Place

A Radical Voice in Print: The Liberator's Role in America's Abolitionist Transformation

Elijah Baker, Will Steinmetz, Sidnomwende Denis Sadok Farouk Yaolile, and August Golli

Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Second Place

Vera Rubin: A Pioneer in Science and Gender Equality

Bram Turturici, Calvin Wilson, Lucas Tcheurekdjian, and Marios Kallergis

Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

First Place

Ink, Blood, and Crack Cocaine: How Gary Webb's Investigation into the CIA caused Public Outrage, and its Impact on Government Accountability

Liam Calabrese, Henry Burkhart, and Matias Pusa

Shaker Heights High School

Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Junior Individual Documentary

Third Place

Say You Want a Revolution?: Beatlemania and the Revolution of the British Invasion

Saira Kakumanu

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Todd Boyer, Edward Hume, Joe Parrino

Second Place

Alfred Nobel: The Dynamite Story of Revolution, Remorse, and Recognition

Jackson Tan

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

First Place

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

Nathan Thomas

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Senior Individual Documentary

Honorable Mention

Burning A Dream: The Forge and Fall of Black Wall Street

Angelique Blanc

Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Third Place

America's Burning River

David Machak

Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Second Place

Toy-Based Cartoons: The Rise of the Half Hour Ad

Lynn Dulzer

Mayfield High School

Teacher(s): Jennifer Tournoux

First Place

The Post World War II American Food System and Its Effect on American Health

Patrick Williams

Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Junior Individual Exhibit

Honorable Mention

Alien Invasion: A Revolutionary Act to save the Great Lakes from an Underwater Disaster

Hana Sroubek

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Third Place

The Mold That Mended Millions: The Invention of Penicillin

James Ryba

St. Barnabas School

Teacher(s): Andrea Scullion

Second Place

Emma Tenayuca and the Pecan Shellers Strike of 1938

Stella Eadie

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

First Place

From Silence to Literacy: The Six Dot Code that Caused a Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in Blind Education

Aansh Sahoo

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Senior Individual Exhibit

Honorable Mention

Willem Kolff: The Father of Artificial Organs

Mikayla Medved

Lutheran West High School

Teacher(s): Dave Ressler

Honorable Mention

Operation Mincemeat: The Dead Man Who Revolutionized the World of Spies

Ryan Jezior

Strongsville High School

Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Third Place

It Only Takes One: America's Deadliest School Shooting

Brea Stephenson

Lutheran West High School

Teacher(s): Dave Ressler

Second Place

Indians Welcome: Alcatraz Under Occupation

Myra Palomeque
Lutheran West High School
Teacher(s): Dave Ressler

First Place

The Right to Be Heard
Victoria Waldron
Strongsville High School
Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Junior Individual Performance

Third Place

Let's Call Her Barbie: A Plastic Revolution and the Reactions That Reformed an Icon
Virginia Bardwell
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Second Place

Stirring the Barrel: How Ida Tarbell's Pen Sparked Revolution, Reaction, and Reform Against Standard Oil
Aarav Ahuja
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

First Place

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

Junior Individual Website

Third Place

Alexander Graham Bell vs. Elisha Gray: The Rivalry that Raced Toward a Revolution in Communication
Julia Nouraldin
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Second Place

Edward Jenner's Revolutionary Solution: Immunizing the Public from an Epidemic and from Adverse Reactions
Jana Alzoubi
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

First Place

Killing Polio: The Medical Revolution That Saved Millions from Paralysis

Julie Swedeh

Birchwood School of Hawken

Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Senior Individual Website

Honorable Mention

Soundtrack to Rebellion: Vietnam-Era Anti-War Music

Sophia Song

Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Honorable Mention

The Vincent Chin Case and Hate Crime Law Expansion: How Systemic Racial Injustice Ignited Reform

Gary Wu

Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Third Place

Nothing About Us Without Us

Yifan Shen

Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Second Place

When Curriculum Became Controversy: How the Scopes Reaction Reflected America's Struggle Between Science, Faith, and Identity

Samuel Xu

Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

First Place

Revolution Through Sound: Protest Music of the 1960s

Antonina Tse

Western Reserve Academy

Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Junior Paper

Third Place

3, 2, 1, Blastoff!: How Ham's Spaceflight Fueled a Revolution in Spaceflight and Reform in Animal Testing

Henry Petric-Black

Independent Entry

Second Place

Virginia is for Lovers: How Richard and Mildred Loving Sparked a Legal Revolution, Faced Massive Reaction, and Reformed Marriage Rights in America

Mabel Barber
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

First Place

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

Anne Fei
Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joe Parrino, Todd Boyer, Edward Hume

Senior Paper

Honorable Mention

Polio, Vaccination, and Public Resistance

Lela Yajnik
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Honorable Mention

From Paper Empires to Digital Power: How Computerization Reengineered Finance and Corporate Life

Kelly Harrington
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Honorable Mention

Breaking the Chain: Akron Workers, Strikes, and Labor Reform

Avery Harris
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Third Place

Revolution in the Courts: How American Film Became Free Speech

Govi Chadalavada
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Second Place

More Than a Nurse: The Significance of Black Nurses in Health Reform from the 1890s to the 1920s

Yuxi Zheng
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

First Place

Stay Silent, Stay Proud: On the Multifaceted Identity of Chinese Americans During WWII

Jack Shen
Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

Champ's Pick Award

The Battle of Yorktown: The Day "the World Turned Upside Down"

Brooke Drake

Christian Community School

Teacher(s): Dean Klunzinger