

2019 State Contest Results

April 25-26, 2019

YOUTH DIVISION: 4TH-5TH GRADES

Youth Group Documentary

State Champion: Mathematicians, by Zachary Moss, Maxton Cieslinski, Camden Denton, Tyson Peterson.
Teacher: Ellen Bennett, Coral Canyon Elementary.

Youth Group Exhibit

State Champion: The History of Anne Frank, by Azlyn Keitz, Ella Daams, Shasta Hall. Teacher: Darlene Tanner, Diamond Valley Elementary School.

State Champion: The Forgotten Tragedy of the Bataan Death March, by Gavin Burnside, Tate Kuhn.
Teacher: Liz Halloran, Westland Elementary.

Honorable Mention: Harsh D Day, by Ashton Rasmussen, Trevon Lepore. Teacher: Katie Kilts, Polk Elementary School.

Youth Group Performance

State Champion: Ruby Bridges, by Braylee Carter, Statton Cox, Lydia Cox. Teacher: Tess Jensen, Belknap Elementary.

State Champion: History of Gum Rap, by Ella Cornejo, Rian Barnes. Teacher: Tina Mathewson, Shadow Valley Elementary.

Honorable Mention: Rosa Parks, by Taylor Duke, Lucy Blodgett. Teacher: Tina Mathewson, Shadow Valley Elementary.

Youth Group Website

State Champion: Emmeline Pankhurst: Women's Rights in Great Britain, by Madilyn Condie, Jessi Keiser.
Teacher: Valerie Allen, Riverton Elementary School.

State Champion: The Holocaust: Triumph and Tragedy of the Jews, by Hannah Fisher, Bridget Gubler.
Teacher: Liz Halloran, Westland Elementary.

Honorable Mention: Pearl Harbor, by Kelan Feldbauer, Autumn Cardenas. Teacher: Tina Mathewson, Shadow Valley Elementary.

Youth Individual Documentary

State Champion: Neighbor against Neighbor Father Against Son The Tragedy of the Revolutionary War and the Wyoming Valley Massacre., by Samantha Excell. Teacher: Dan Zaleski , Hurricane Elementary.

State Champion: Riding In the Pony Express, by Abigail Hooper. Teacher: Valery Gines, Jordan Ridge Elementary.

Youth Individual Exhibit

State Champion: Louis Zamperini - Courageous through Triumph and Tragedy, by Benjamin Evans. Teacher: Brittany Roper, Jefferson Academy.

State Champion: Triumph and Tragedy of the Winter Quarters Mine Disaster, by Coleton Moore. Teacher: Liz Halloran, Westland Elementary.

Honorable Mention: Louis Zamperini, by Eli Gale. Teacher: Tess Jensen, Belknap Elementary.

Honorable Mention: Chasing the Dream: Triumph and Tragedy in the Modern Olympic Games, by Leah Sweeney. Teacher: Stacy Fincher, Castle Heights Elementary.

Youth Individual Performance

State Champion: Piracy and the United States, by Christian Morris. Teacher: Sandy Hayes, Sam Morgan Elementary.

State Champion: Operation Overlord: The View from an Ogden Soldier, by Gerard Hernandez. Teacher: Tina Mathewson, Shadow Valley Elementary.

Honorable Mention: The Battle of Gettysburg, by Audrey Porter. Teacher: Valerie Allen, Riverton Elementary School.

Youth Individual Website

State Champion: Death and Destruction Downwind, by Knute Rockne. Teacher: Valery Gines, Jordan Ridge Elementary.

State Champion: The Discovery of Penicillin, by Austin Birdsall. Teacher: Valerie Allen, Riverton Elementary School.

Honorable Mention: Atomic Bomb, by Carter White. Teacher: Tess Jensen, Belknap Elementary.

Youth Paper

State Champion: Family, Faith, and Forgiveness Allow for Triumph in the Great Tragedy of the Bataan Death March, by Parker Olson. Teacher: Darlene Tanner, Diamond Valley Elementary School.

JUNIOR DIVISION: 6TH-8TH GRADES

Junior Group Documentary

State Champion: Glen Canyon Dam: Preservation or Desecration, by Paige Topham, KerriAnne Skidmore. Teacher: Cali Dansie, Timberline Middle School.

State Champion: Dying for Safety: A History of The Radium Girls, by Cohen Jones, Wyatt Peterson. Teacher: James Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High.

Honorable Mention: Berlin 1936 Olympics: Defying the Nazi Regime, by Natalie McRoberts, Amber Parker, Abigail Slama-Catron. Teacher: Sheradee Bradfield, Midvale Middle School.

Junior Group Exhibit

State Champion: The Triumphs and Tragedies of the Transcontinental Railroad, by Whitley Hughes, Lyndsie Pender, Taisley Marshall, Elle Williams, Heidi Harris. Teacher: Tina McMullin, Beaver High School.

State Champion: Cornelia Arnolda Johanna ten Boom: Triumph and Tragedy, by Kate Black, Emma Peterson, Chloe Cammack. Teacher: Julia Wilcox, Alice C Harris Intermediate.

Honorable Mention: The Forgotten Fire, by Josie Dolman, Ammon Wittemund, Spencer Remund, Ali Lafferty. Teacher: Sallee Kauwe, Vitsa Heights Middle School.

Junior Group Performance

State Champion: The Modern Reach of Henrietta Lacks, by Amelia Simper, Jocelyn Millington. Teacher: Sallee Kauwe, Vitsa Heights Middle School.

State Champion: Angel of Peace: The Triumph and Tragedy of Samantha Smith, by Kaitlyn Sorensen, Joshua Christiansen, Koby Yardley, Lydia McMaster. Teacher: Tina McMullin, Beaver High School.

Honorable Mention: Hole in the Rock Trek, by Elizabeth Turnbow, Jennette Turnbow. Teacher: Michael Wagner, Tabiona Public School.

Junior Group Website

State Champion: Completing the Transcontinental Railroad: A Triumph for the Nation, a Tragedy for the Migrant Worker, by Amelia Goodwin, Rachael Goodwin. Teacher: Julia Wilcox, Alice C Harris Intermediate.

State Champion: The Galveston Hurricane, by Nicholas Bassett, Jackson Brinton, Tyler Amberry, Brady Copeland. Teacher: Cali Dansie, Timberline Middle School.

Honorable Mention: Hedy Lamarr, by Kenna Macdonald, Adi Jones. Teacher: Kristin South, Emily Glende, The Waterford School.

Junior Individual Documentary

State Champion: The Triumph and Tragedy of the East Los Angeles Walkouts, by Natalia Lopez. Teacher: Jeff Low, Thomas Edison Charter School North.

State Champion: Next Year in Jerusalem: How American Volunteers Helped Survivors Sail from the Tragedy of the Holocaust to the Jewish Triumph of the State of Israel, by Cameron Jessop. Teacher: Sheradee Bradfield, Midvale Middle School.

Honorable Mention: The Scope to Our Stars; The Hubble Space Telescope, by Aleah Zdunich. Teacher: Emily Glende, The Waterford School.

Junior Individual Exhibit

State Champion: Ignaz Semmelweis: The Father of Infection Control, by Julia Howe. Teacher: JoLyne Merchant, Thomas Edison Charter School South.

State Champion: Fired Up: The Tragic Spark that Ignited Industry Safety Reform, by Allie Jorgensen. Teacher: James Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High.

Honorable Mention: Polio: A Nation-Wide Battle, by Ashlyn Bair. Teacher: Kara Catano, Thomas Edison Charter School South.

Junior Individual Performance

State Champion: Freedom! The Triumph and Tragedy of the Battle of Stirling Bridge, by Brock McConkie. Teacher: James Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High.

State Champion: The Longest Roadtrip, by Kimball Morris. Teacher: Carol Morris, Morris Homeschool.

Honorable Mention: Harry Houdini: Life and Legacy, by McKenna Fuller. Teacher: Robin Korones, Riverton Elementary School.

Junior Individual Website

State Champion: Within the Rubble: The New London School Explosion, by Eli Ashcroft. Teacher: JoLyne Merchant, Thomas Edison Charter School South.

State Champion: Florence Nightingale: More Than Just the 'Lady of the Lamp', by Lydia Bohm. Teacher: JoLyne Merchant, Thomas Edison Charter School South.

Honorable Mention: Ghost Girls: The Triumph and Tragedy of America's Dial-Painters, by Elise Carter. Teacher: Jeff Low, Thomas Edison Charter School North.

Junior Paper

State Champion: Independence and Partition: The Triumph and Tragedy of British India's Freedom Struggle, by Anika Rao. Teacher: Kim Perry, Clayton Middle School.

State Champion: Grey Skies and Red Lies: China's Cultural Revolution, by Annabelle Qian. Teacher: Emily Glende, The Waterford School.

Honorable Mention: The Jungle: Exposing The Amazon of American Industry, by Ella Mask. Teacher: Cali Dansie, Timberline Middle School.

SENIOR DIVISION : 9TH-12TH GRADE

Senior Group Documentary

State Champion: Chicago 1871: Rising from the Ashes and Sparking Success, by Garrett Bryner, Pierce Bryner. Teacher: Chris Sweeney, Carbon High School.

State Champion: Utah Politics: The Fight for Increased Diversity, by Luqman Abdi, Molly Chien. Teacher: Kelly Haakenson, Salt Lake Center For Science Education.

Honorable Mention: A Whistle Heard Around The World: The Story Of The Boy Who Sparked The Civil Rights Movement, by Kaylee Meyers, Caleb Stay. Teacher: James Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High.

Senior Group Exhibit

State Champion: The Great Fire of London, by Maddison Mattingly, Maegan Mattingly, Lyndsie Foster. Teacher: Joshua Carver, Vanguard Academy.

State Champion: Alan Turing, by Tate Gale, Cooter Gale. Teacher: Tina McMullin, Beaver High School.

Honorable Mention: "I have to die now for no crime at all" - Helmuth Hubener, by Ellie Hoopes, Julee Harris. Teacher: Heath Madsen, Fremont High School.

Senior Group Performance

State Champion: Chinese Immigrants and Transcontinental Railroad, by Christopher Mason, Larsen Stephens. Teacher: Joshua Carver, Vanguard Academy.

State Champion: Selma to Montgomery March: Triumph Over Tragedy, by Staten Perkins, Kaitlyn Crippen, Emma Ward, Sophia Redd. Teacher: Janna Rogers, San Juan High School.

Honorable Mention: The Navajo Code Talkers, by Christian Cly, Tiana Sam, Riana James, Kristin Cly, Esperanza Lee. Teacher: Janna Rogers, San Juan High School.

Senior Group Website

State Champion: Huguenot Bloodbath: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre, by Mitch Carter, Erin Blanchard, Tim Bradford, Jisung Lee. Teacher: Candace Mullen, Logan High School.

State Champion: The Disaster of the Sultana, by Nathaniel Wells, Gabriel Ransom. Teacher: Kristin South, Emily Glende, The Waterford School.

Honorable Mention: Erasing History: The Lobotomies of World War II, by Saige Stock, Alivia Schilling. Teacher: Shelly Ripplinger, Katherine Robinson, Syracuse Arts Academy.

Senior Individual Documentary

State Champion: Fritz Haber: Feeding the World and Warfare, by Jacob Simmons. Brighton High School.

State Champion: The Kindertransport: Triumph and Tragedy, by Rachel Willick. Teacher: Melinda Reay, Skyline High School.

Honorable Mention: Criminal: Triumphs and Tragedies of Civil Disobedience in 20th Century US History, by Julane Machado. Teacher: Melinda Reay, Skyline High School.

Senior Individual Exhibit

State Champion: Ghost Army, by Madeline Christianson. Teacher: James Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High.

State Champion: 2977 - September 11, 2001, by Victor Granados. Teacher: John McNeill, Granger High School.

Honorable Mention: Freedom Isn't Free, by Harley Hennessy. Teacher: John McNeill, Granger High School.

Senior Individual Performance

State Champion: How I Spent My Summer Vacation: Triumph and Tragedy at Gettysburg, by Maggie Call. Teacher: Melinda Dickson, South Davis Jr. High.

State Champion: The Danish Solution, by Maddie Morris. Teacher: Mike Thompson, Fairfield Junior High.

Honorable Mention: Evolution of a Song, by Jonathan Eldreth. Teacher: Todd Scott, Ogden High School.

Senior Individual Website

State Champion: The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: Tragedy Leads to Triumph, by Abbie Saccomanno. Teacher: Katherine DeBry, Carbon High School.

State Champion: Camp Sobibor, by Emma Davis. Teacher: Jenn Beecher, Mountain Heights Academy.

Honorable Mention: Seeing Cambodia in a New Light: The Cambodian Genocide, by Katelyn Nielson. Teacher: Shelly Ripplinger, Katherine Robinson, Syracuse Arts Academy.

Senior Paper

State Champion: Is the French Resistance a Myth? Exploring the Effectiveness of the French Resistance in World War II by Focusing on the Triumphs and Tragedies of D-Day, by Kate De Groote. Teacher: Melinda Reay, Skyline High School.

State Champion: Triumph and Tragedy: How Effective was Reconstruction in Securing African American Rights?, by Heather Feeny. Teacher: Michelle Braeden, Ogden High School.

Honorable Mention: The Tragedy of the Japanese Internment: Benefits of Submission, by Anna Christiansen. Teacher: Shelly Ripplinger, Katherine Robinson, Syracuse Arts Academy.

SPECIAL AWARDS

History in Government Prize

Sponsored by Utah State Archives

Junior Paper: Independence and Partition: The Triumph and Tragedy of British India's Freedom Struggle, by Anika Rao. Teacher: Kim Perry, Clayton Middle School.

Senior Group Exhibit: The Great Fire of London, by Maddison Mattingly, Maegan Mattingly, Lyndsie Foster. Teacher: Joshua Carver, Vanguard Academy.

Immigrant Histories Prize

Sponsored by University of Utah Department of History

Senior Paper: The Tragedy of the Japanese Internment: Benefits of Submission, by Anna Christiansen. Teacher: Shelly Ripplinger, Katherine Robinson, Syracuse Arts Academy.

Military History Prize

Sponsored by Fort Douglas Military Museum

Junior Group Exhibit: Gallipoli: Triumph and Tragedy, by Jack Bulf, Aidan Mulligan. Teacher: Azure Smith, St. John the Baptist Middle School.

Junior Individual Website: The Nanjing Massacre, by Ke Guo. Teacher: Kristin South, The Waterford School.

Senior Paper: Is the French Resistance a Myth? Exploring the Effectiveness of the French Resistance in World War II by Focusing on the Triumphs and Tragedies of D-Day, by Kate De Groote. Teacher: Melinda Reay, Skyline High School.

Science, Medicine, & Technology Prize

Sponsored by University of Utah Department of History

Junior Individual Exhibit: Polio: A Nation-Wide Battle, by Ashlyn Bair. Teacher: Kara Catano, Thomas Edison Charter School South.

Social & Civil Rights Prize

Sponsored by University of Utah Department of History

Senior Individual Website: King's Last Dream: The Tragedy of the Poor People's Campaign, by Kelsey Hagman. Teacher: Caroline Hagman, Brighton High School.

Trails & Rails Prize

Sponsored by Oregon-California Trails Association, Utah Crossroads Chapter

Junior Group Exhibit: The Triumphs and Tragedies of the Transcontinental Railroad, by Whitley Hughes, Lyndsie Pender, Taisley Marshall, Elle Williams, Heidi Harris. Teacher: Tina McMullin, Beaver High School.

Junior Group Website: Completing the Transcontinental Railroad: A Triumph for the Nation, a Tragedy for the Migrant Worker, by Amelia Goodwin, Rachael Goodwin. Teacher: Julia Wilcox, Alice C Harris Intermediate.

Senior Group Exhibit: Journey to Zion, by Hayley Shumway, Brittany Grover, Tyler Shumway, Madison Palmer. Teacher: Janna Rogers, San Juan High School.

Utah History Prize

Sponsored by Smith-Pettit Foundation

Senior Group Documentary: Utah Pioneers on Transcontinental Railroad, by Camellia Yuan, Acacia Yuan. Teacher: Britton Coil, Barbara Jensen, Logan High School, Edith Bowen Lab School.

Junior Group Documentary: Glen Canyon Dam: Preservation or Desecration, by Paige Topham, KerriAnne Skidmore. Teacher: Cali Dansie, Timberline Middle School.

Western History Prize

Sponsored by Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, BYU

Junior Group Documentary: Glen Canyon Dam: Preservation or Desecration, by Paige Topham, KerriAnne Skidmore. Teacher: Cali Dansie, Timberline Middle School.

Senior Group Performance: The Navajo Code Talkers, by Christian Cly, Tiana Sam, Riana James, Kristin Cly, Esperanza Lee. Teacher: Janna Rogers, San Juan High School.



Senior Individual Documentary: Grafton Utah: The Triumph and Tragedy of a Mormon settlement in Utah's Dixie, by Amberli Excell. Teacher: Joan Cartmill, St. George Academy.

Women's History Prize

Sponsored by Better Days 2020

Junior Group Documentary: Dying for Safety: A History of The Radium Girls, by Cohen Jones, Wyatt Peterson. Teacher: James Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High.

Junior Individual Performance: The Life of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, by Lily Wheeler. Teacher: Kim Perry, Clayton Middle School.

Senior Individual Performance: How I Spent My Summer Vacation: Triumph and Tragedy at Gettysburg, by Maggie Call. Teacher: Melinda Dickson, South Davis Jr. High.

Junior Individual Performance: How Long Must Women Wait For Liberty: The Triumphs of Susan B. Anthony's Fight For Women's Suffrage, by Ivory Cazier. Teacher: James Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High.

World History Prize

Sponsored by University of Utah Department of History

Junior Individual Performance: Freedom! The Triumph and Tragedy of the Battle of Stirling Bridge, by Brock McConkie. Teacher: James Romrell, Lakeridge Junior High.

World War I Prize

Sponsored by Utah World War I Commission

Junior Group Website: Somme: The Triumph Hidden Within the Tragedy, by Daniel Jin, Dinyu Wang. Teacher: Kathryn Leany, Lava Ridge Intermediate School.

Senior Individual Documentary: Fritz Haber: Feeding the World and Warfare, by Jacob Simmons. Teacher: Cheryl Simmons, Brighton High School.

Senior Individual Performance: An American WWI Mother's Triumph and Tragedy, by Tessa Goodwine. Teacher: Joshua Keyes, Monticello High School.