

ALABAMA HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas

March 3, 2023 | Auburn University at Montgomery



What is Alabama History Day?

Alabama History Day is a state-level affiliate of National History Day, a year-long program that offers students a creative and dynamic way to engage with history — and make it relevant for today. The Alabama Humanities Alliance presents History Day annually, with the competition open to all public, private, and home schools.

This statewide competition equips students in grades 6-12 to:

- Cultivate their curiosity
- Interpret existing scholarship
- Learn to do primary and secondary research
- Present their work imaginatively — as authors, artists, filmmakers, designers, and playwrights

How it works

After selecting a topic that piques their interest, students get to work. That means exploring primary materials at libraries, museums, and archives. Conducting oral history interviews. Maybe even visiting historic sites.

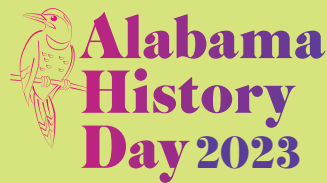
Then comes the best part – getting creative to show what they've learned. Students present their findings as a:

Research Paper | Dramatic Performance | Interactive Website | Designed Exhibit | Documentary Film

All projects can be researched and presented individually or in teams. We offer two divisions: Junior (Grades 6-8) and Senior (Grades 9-12).

Learn more!

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Did you know:

Alabama History Day is great for history classrooms, of course. But teachers of civics, English, creative writing, art, graphic design, drama, film, and more can also incorporate this creative project in their courses!

Program benefits:

- First- and second-place students can earn a spot in National History Day. Students can also win special awards and cash prizes from our partners.
- Teachers can use Alabama History Day as a project-based learning tool, and to spark creativity, camaraderie, and healthy competition in the classroom. One Alabama educator is nominated annually as National History Day's Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year.
- Schools that have at least five students participate in Alabama History Day 2023 will receive statewide recognition as an Alabama History Day school of distinction.



Timeline:



Fall 2022: Select topics and conduct research

Winter 2022: Revise projects for state competition

Feb. 13, 2023: Deadline to submit projects for Alabama History Day

March 3, 2023: Alabama History Day at Auburn University at Montgomery

Spring 2023: Revise winning Alabama History projects for national competition

Summer 2023: National History Day in nation's capital and College Park, Maryland

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The Alabama Humanities Alliance hosts AHD teacher workshops and school trainings year-round. Ask about options for your community!

Alabama History Day resources: alabamahumanities.org/alabama-history-day

National History Day resources: nhd.org/frontiers-history

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