



2025 Theme: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN HISTORY



What is Alabama History Day?

Alabama History Day is a state-level affiliate of National History Day, a year-long program that offers teachers a dynamic project-based learning tool — and offers students a creative way to engage with history. The Alabama Humanities Alliance presents History Day annually, with the competition open to all public, private, and home schools. **Alabama History Day's 2025 state contest takes place March 21 at Troy University at Montgomery, including history-rich venues like the Davis Theatre and Rosa Parks Museum.**

How it works

Students are empowered to research topics of their own choosing — motivating them to approach history in a new light and see the past's relevance today. Once students select their topics, teachers help students apply inquiry-based learning. That process can include exploring primary materials held by libraries, museums, and archives. Conducting oral history interviews. Maybe even visiting historic sites.

Ultimately, students share their research creatively — presenting their findings as exhibits, papers, websites, documentary films, or dramatic performances. Students can also compete in school, regional, and statewide contests — individually or in teams — with two divisions available for grades 6-8 and 9-12.

COMPETITION TIMELINE

- Fall 2024:** Select topics and begin research
- Winter 2024-2025:** Prepare projects for competition
- Jan. 20, 2025:** Alabama History Day registration opens
- March 5, 2025:** Alabama History Day registration closes

CONTEST DATES:

- TBD:** North Alabama regional competition (Huntsville)
- Feb. 21, 2025:** South Alabama regional competition (Mobile)
- March 21, 2025:** Alabama History Day state contest (Montgomery)
- June 8-11, 2025:** National History Day (Maryland/Washington, D.C.)





Did you know:

History Day is great for teaching and learning history. But teachers of English, creative writing, art, graphic design, and film also use this creative tool in their classrooms!



Did you know:

History Day is used in after-school programs and other non-traditional environments. For instance: In 2024, an AHD contest was held at Mt. Meigs, in partnership with Alabama Department of Youth Services and Alabama Writers' Forum.



Student benefits:

- Cultivate their curiosity and learn to do primary research
- Get creative as authors, artists, filmmakers, designers, and playwrights
- Win special awards and prizes from our partners
- Compete for a chance to advance to National History Day

Teacher benefits:

- Deploy Alabama History Day resources for project-based learning
- Spark creativity, camaraderie, and healthy competition in the classroom.
- Chance to be nominated as Alabama's National History Day Teacher of the Year
- Participate in AHD teacher workshops, school visits, and accredited professional development opportunities

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