

Alabama History Day 2026



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 learning tool for the classroom — 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, grades 6-12.

Alabama History Day's 2026 state contest takes place April 9, at American Village in Montevallo. It's an ideal setting for this year's History Day theme: Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History — inspired by the 250th anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence!

How it works

Students research topics of their own choosing, connected to the year's theme. Teachers then 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.

Students also choose how to creatively share their research — as exhibits, papers, websites, dramatic performances, or documentary films. Classroom, school, and regional contests precede the state competition. Students can participate individually or in teams.



COMPETITION TIMELINE

Fall-Winter 2025:

Select topics, research, prepare projects

March 13, 2026:

Alabama History Day registration closes

CONTEST DATES:

February 2026:

North Alabama Regional (virtual)

February 24-25, 2026:

South Alabama Regional (Mobile)

April 9, 2026:

Alabama History Day state contest
(American Village, Montevallo)

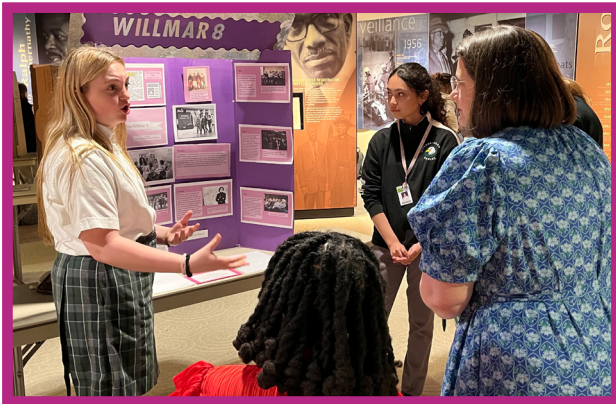
June 14-18 2026:

National History Day
(Maryland/Washington, D.C.)



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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 accredited professional development opportunities

Did you know:

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

Student benefits:

- Cultivate their curiosity and 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

Did you know:

History Day is used in after-school programs and other non-traditional environments. For instance: AHA provides annual contests at Mt. Meigs, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Youth Services and Alabama Writers' Forum.

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