

Alabama History Day



Alabama History Day is part of National History Day, a year-long program that offers teachers a **dynamic learning tool for the classroom**. It's designed to fit into classroom curricula, giving teachers, schools, and districts the opportunity to host local History Day showcases. And teachers can participate in workshops and AHD professional development opportunities.

History Day also gives students the chance to become confident, curious learners, as they learn to do primary research and **engage with history in new and creative ways**. Alabama Humanities offers History Day to all public, private, and home schools. Students compete in teams or solo, in two divisions: junior (grades 6-8) and senior (grades 9-12).

2027 REGIONAL CONTESTS

North Alabama: Feb. 5-17 (virtual)

South Alabama: Feb. 23 (Mobile)

2027 STATE CONTEST

Troy University Montgomery

April 1, 2027 (no joke!)



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Use Alabama History Day:

- As a collaborative **project-based learning tool** in the classroom
- In classes as varied as social studies, English, creative writing, art, design, theatre, and film
- To **connect students with local history** right in their own backyard
- To encourage camaraderie and healthy competition through **school and district competitions**
- Advance top students to Alabama History Day **regional, state, and national contests** (see AHD's 2027 guidelines for more info)

DOING THE RESEARCH

Students research topics of their own choosing, connected to the year's theme: **Innovation in History: Impact, Influence, Change**. Teachers then help students apply inquiry-based learning, such as:

- Exploring primary materials at libraries, museums, and archives
- Conducting oral history interviews
- Visiting historic sites

GETTING CREATIVE

Students then creatively share their research — as authors, artists, designers, actors, and filmmakers. History Day offers five categories for students to share their work:

- Papers
- Exhibits
- Websites
- Performances
- Documentary films



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