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 helps 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 curriculums, of course. But teachers of 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 advance to National History Day.
• Students can win special awards and cash prizes from our partners.
• Teachers 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 send at least five students to Alabama History Day earn recognition as Alabama History Day schools of distinction.

Timeline:
Fall 2023: Select topics and conduct research
Winter 2023: Revise projects for state competition
TBD: Deadline to submit projects for Alabama History Day
TBD: Alabama History Day at Auburn University at Montgomery
Summer 2024: National History Day in nation’s capital and College Park, Maryland

Ask about options for your community!
The Alabama Humanities Alliance offers ongoing teacher workshops and summer camps for students on the History Day program.

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

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