

## ALABAMA HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

# Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events



### 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.

**The 2024 Alabama History Day contest will take place March 8, 2024, at Auburn University at Montgomery.**

### 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:

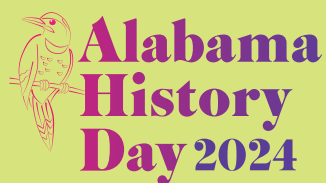
**Research Paper | Dramatic Performance | Interactive Website | Designed Exhibit | Documentary Film**

Projects can be completed 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

**February 7, 2024:** Registration opens for Alabama History Day

**February 23, 2024:** Deadline to submit projects for Alabama History Day

**March 8, 2024:** Alabama History Day at Auburn University at Montgomery

**June 9-13, 2024:** National History Day in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

### 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](http://alabamahumanities.org/alabama-history-day)

National History Day resources: [nhd.org/en/contest/theme](http://nhd.org/en/contest/theme)

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