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STUDENTS EXPLORE CONFLICT & COMPROMISE FOR 2008 KANSAS HISTORY DAY

TOPEKA, KS—During the past school year, over 1,000 students have been preparing for this year's History Day theme of *Conflict & Compromise*. Nearly 225 of those students placed first or second in one of eight district competitions earlier this year. Those students will advance to Kansas History Day at the Washburn University in Topeka, Saturday, April 26. This is the 26th year of the program in Kansas. Those who place first or second in the state contest will compete in National History Day, June 15-19, at the University of Maryland, College Park, near Washington, D.C.

Each year, students statewide in grades six through 12 select topics based on the History Day theme. They spend the school year working, researching, and tracking primary and secondary sources and compete in junior and senior categories of performances, documentaries, papers, or exhibits. New this year is a website category. Students compete as individuals and as school teams. They are challenged to demonstrate their knowledge about the historical context of their chosen subject and to interpret and analyze the importance of the person, idea, or event in history. Kansas students rank among the top state at National History Day with 56 medals and five scholarships during the program's 26 years.

Kansas History Day is administered by the Kansas Historical Society with additional support from the Washburn University. For further information contact Kansas History Day co-coordinator Letha Johnson, 785-272-8681, ext. 306, ljohnson@kshs.org. The Kansas Historical Society is a state agency headquartered in Topeka. For more information visit kshs.org.

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NOTE: A list of History Day finalists follows. These students will be competing in State History Day on April 26.

Junior Papers

Jiemin Wei, "From Excluded to Included: The Ongoing Evolution of Chinese Immigrants in America," Overland Trail Middle School, Overland Park, teacher Paula Nordstrom, district 1.

Faith Davolt, "Witchcraft Hysteria," Fort Scott Christian Heights, teacher Karen Schellack, district 2.

Melea Stone, "Brown v. Board of Education: Conflict and Compromise in Racial Education," Cair Paravel Latin School, Topeka, teacher Michael Haberkorn, district 3.

Matthew Reynolds, "The Conflict and Compromise of Martin Luther: A Journey to Salvation," Topeka Collegiate, teacher Travis Lamb, district 3.

Eric Phung, "The Munich Agreement," Robinson Middle School, Wichita, teacher Kate Sims, district 6.

Victoria Hwang, "The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall," Robinson Middle School, Wichita, teacher Beverly Hodge, district 6.

Junior Individual Exhibits

Carrie Deitz, "Conflicts and Compromises of Women Pilots of World War II," Baldwin Junior High School, teacher Diane Coffman, district 1.

Brenna Johnson, "The Black Death: How It Spread and the Changes in the Economy Causing Conflict and Compromise," Baldwin Junior High School, teacher Diane Coffman, district 1.

Zakary Hueston, "Horsepower vs. Machine Power: A Conflict and Compromise in Kansas Farming," Uniontown Junior High School, Mapleton, teacher Sara Jackman, district 2.

Aparna Dasaraju, "Camp Concordia: Enemy Soldiers on American Soil," Washburn Rural Middle School, Topeka, teacher Alice Bertels, district 3.

Cooper Self, "'I Like Ike' and His Compromises to Avoid a Nuclear Conflict," Topeka Collegiate, teacher Lanny Moyer, district 3.

Caroline Sager, "Pearl Harbor," Frank V Bergman Elementary School, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

KANSAS HISTORY DAY 2008, All Districts – Add 2

Chloe Weston, "Stolen Childhoods: Putting an End to Child Labor," Dwight D Eisenhower Middle School, Manhattan, teacher Coleen Beck, district 4.

Jennifer Eastwood, "Hedy Lamarr," Rolla Elementary School, teacher Mary Courtney, district 5.

Andrea Livingston, "Pelican Island," Wilbur Middle School, teacher Barbara Brotton, district 6.

Emma Lavacek, "Albigensian Crusade," Robinson Middle School, Wichita, teacher Molly Lavacek, district 6.

Anna Kimmel, "Voice of the Prairie," Prosperity Elementary, Hutchinson, teacher Jean Conklin, district 7.

Junior Group Exhibits

Brianna Leyden and **Maria Davison**, "Shirley Temple Black: How the Movies Changed Her Life and Our Society," Hocker Grove Middle School, Shawnee, teacher Pam Chandler, district 1.

Sophie Tate and **Sophie Laufer**, "The Story That Has Not Been Told: Conflict and Compromise within Topeka's Black Community at the Time of Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education," Central Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Christine Connor, district 1.

Shelby Middleton, **Ashley Hecknen**, and **Kayla Guilfoyle**, "Conflict and Compromise with Color," Fort Scott Middle School, teacher Michelle Brittain, district 2.

Cole George, **Seth Bartlett**, **Max Labbe**, and **Drew George**, "From Trails to Rails," Uniontown Junior High School, Mapleton, teacher Sara Jackman, district 2.

Mason Shields and **Kyla McNorton**, "Conflict in Salem: From Gallows to Compromise," Logan Junior High School, Topeka, teacher Barbara Watkins, district 3.

Thomas Coates and **Dylan Cox**, "Jackie Robinson: Striving for Equality," Topeka Collegiate, teacher John MacDonald, district 3.

Ibrahim Altamimi, **Jake Carlson**, and **Adarsh Singh**, "The Vietnam War," Frank V Bergman Elementary, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Pilar Dritz and **Maggie Miller**, "Pearl Harbor," Marlatt Elementary, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Branna Munn, Adrianna Bucher, and Kalen Brummett, "Carry A. Nation," Rolla Elementary School, teacher Mary Courtney, district 5.

Donovan Torres, Kori Hall, Meredith Light, and Katty Zubia, "WWII Prison Camps," Rolla Elementary School, teacher Mary Courtney, district 5.

Morganne Wiltse, Emily Risley, and Kelci Glover, "Elizabeth Cady Stanton," Wilbur Middle School, teacher Barbara Brotton, district 6.

Brett Martin and Hunter Wilson, "Racial Segregation in Early U.S. Wars," Maize South Middle High School, teacher A. C. Poynter, district 6.

Donald Nguyen, Alex Cartwright, and Tanner Follis, "The Forgotten War," Hadley Middle School, Wichita, teacher Mark Peavey, district 6.

Junior Individual Performances

Caitlin Laird, "Race Relations, Conflict, and Compromise in the Broadway Musical," West Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Joan Parr, district 1.

Karly Hanna, "We're People, Too: Clarina Nichols' Association with the Moneka Constitution," Jardine Middle School, Topeka, teacher Judy Pierson, district 3.

Taylor Klene, "'The Children's Crusade': The March of the Children in Birmingham, Alabama," Christ the King School, Topeka, teacher Kelly Kelley, district 3.

Josie Rozell, "Korean War," Marlatt Elementary, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Claire Naranjo, "The Dedication of Susan B. Anthony," Northview Elementary School, Abilene, teacher Nancy Leyerzapf, district 4.

Jean Rust, "Deborah Sampson: It's Not Just a Man's War," Hadley Middle School, Wichita, teacher Mark Peavey, district 6.

Luke Ebersole, "The Story Unfolds: The Tulsa Race Riot of 1921," Hadley Middle School, Wichita, teacher Mark Peavey, district 6.

Junior Group Performances

Elsa Latare, Camas Buerger, Maya Connor, and Claire Limesand, "Anne Levy: The Story of a Hidden Child," Central Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Christine Connor, district 1.

Lidia Strecker, Ella Gore, and Gaia Morgan, "Tale of Mary Easty, Sarah Cloyce and Rebecca Nurse," Central Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Christine Connor, district 1.

Theresa Schafer, Elizabeth Wallace, and David Cox, "57365," Fort Scott Christian Heights, teacher Karen Schellack, district 2.

Taylor Grant, Brysen Russell, Don Savage, Baker Weilert, and Myca Short, "Conflict to Compromise: Salem Hysteria," Fort Scott Middle School, teacher Michelle Brittain, district 2.

Shelby Carpenter, Soren Lamb, and Nyalia Lui, "President Franklin Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Asa Philip Randolph," Topeka Collegiate, teacher Travis Lamb, district 3.

Becca Kaye and Haley Ramirez, "The German Compromise: Hitler's Rise to Power," Topeka Collegiate, teacher Travis Lamb, district 3.

Madison Fellers, Sydney Snyder, Stephanie O'Connor, "The Great Compromise," Marlatt Elementary School, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Mary Ernst and Sierra Williams, "Thomas Carney," Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Kaitlyn Rippel, Sidney Flinn, Kaleigh Glanton, and Krista Snyder, "The Berlin Wall: Two Sides, One Story," Maize South Middle School, teacher A. C. Poynter, district 6.

Colin Johnson, Tyler Koch, and George Depew, "The Path of the Soldier," Robinson Middle School, Wichita, teacher Kate Sims, district 6.

Junior Individual Documentaries

Nora Byers, "Bella Abzug," Central Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Christine Connor, district 1.

Max Duncan, "Fine Lines: Lessons From The Truman Doctrine for the War on Terror," Indian Hills Middle School, Prairie Village, teacher Rachel Smalley, district 1.

Mallary Shelton, "Conflict and Compromise: Socialized Medicine," Fort Scott Middle School, teacher Michelle Brittain, district 2.

KANSAS HISTORY DAY 2008, All Districts – Add 5

Madison Schoen, "The Battle of Monte Cassino," Patton Junior High School, Fort Leavenworth, teacher Karen Gladhart, district 3.

Sophia Holman, "Sent Away to Safety: Children of the Kindertransport," Washburn Rural Middle School, Topeka, teacher Alice Bertels, district 3.

Lakith Ranaweera, "Battle of Gettysburg," Frank V Bergman Elementary, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Melissa Bohn, "The Vietnam War," Frank V Bergman Elementary, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Emily Davis, "Police Brutality: The World is Watching," Robinson Middle School, Wichita, teacher Kate Sims, district 6.

Nghiem Tran, "The Antislavery's Violence in Bleeding Kansas," Robinson Middle School, Wichita, teacher Molly Lavacek, district 6.

Junior Group Documentaries

Maria Watson and Grace Goulding, "Robert Oppenheimer: Father of the Atomic Bomb," Central Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Christine Connor, district 1.

Maddie Crawl and Liz James, "The Fall of the Berlin Wall," Harmony Middle School, Overland Park, teacher Beth Cochran, district 1.

Raylene Crystal and Jennifer Kiser, "Women in the U.S. Military: A History of Conflict and Compromise," Uniontown Junior High School, Mapleton, teacher Sara Jackman, district 2.

Patrick Elisha and Reston Phillips, "The Merging of Locals 627 and 3.4: A Compromise Made for a New Beginning in the Jazz Era," Topeka Collegiate, teacher Travis Lamb, district 3.

Nicky Henriquez, Alex Chanay, and Julian Mullican, "'Deemed Necessary': The Wartime Internment and Restriction of Rights of Japanese Americans," Topeka Collegiate, teacher Travis Lamb, district 3.

Emily Kelley, and Keeler Mai, "The Life of Oskar Schindler," Frank V Bergman Elementary, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Anna Jackson and Wesley Tesene, "The Vietnam War," Marlatt Elementary, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

KANSAS HISTORY DAY 2008, All Districts – Add 6

Dillon Sullivan, Jonathon Rusch, and Gustavo Cortez, "Christiaan Barnard," Rolla Elementary School, teacher Mary Courtney, district 5.

Denning Gerig, Aaron Tatman, and Hayden Woods, "Cuban Missile Crisis," Maize South Middle School, teacher A. C. Poynter, district 6.

McKenzie Cordell and Kelsey Ketzner, "To Drop or Not to Drop," Maize South Middle School, teacher A. C. Poynter, district 6.

Kineu Rutledge and Brandon Lunde, "Native American Boarding Schools: The Process of Assimilation," Brooks Magnet Middle School, Wichita, teacher Chele Behrens, district 6.

Victoria Tran and Anna Hu, "Darwin vs. Creationism: The Scopes Monkey Trial of 1925," Robinson Middle School, Wichita, teacher Molly Lavacek, district 6.

Junior Group Web Sites

Jackson Hermann and Aleksander Eskilson, "Cold War Relations: Collaborating Through the Medium of Space," Shawnee Heights Middle School, Topeka, teacher Donna Sanders, district 3.

Kylie Hardman and Erika Hrenchir, "The KKK: Hooded Monsters of the Civil Rights Movement," Jardine Middle School, Topeka, teacher Judy Pierson, district 3.

Sam Hirsch and Troy Ward, "Little Rock Nine-Conflict Over Compromise in Integration," Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Sharon Wilson, Kayla Nowakowski, "Bleeding Kansas: The Birth of the Civil War," Marlatt Elementary, Manhattan, teacher Terry Healy, district 4.

Travis Yang, Michelle Nguyen, and Naomi Nguyen, "North and South Korea," Robinson Middle School, Wichita, teacher Molly Lavacek, district 6.

Senior Papers

Kaitlin McKinney, "Conflict and Compromise: The Unification of Feudal Japan," West Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Joan Parr, district 1.

Emma Kloster, "From Amenophis IV to Akhenaten: The Failed Revolution of Egypt's Heretic Pharaoh," West Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Joan Parr, district 1.

KANSAS HISTORY DAY 2008, All Districts – Add 7

Colten Boyer, "A War that United a Nation," South East High, Cherokee, teacher Johnnie Varsolona, district 2.

Michael Reid, "Compromise Amidst Conflict: World War II in Italy, 1943-1944," Columbus High School, teacher Kathy Hall, district 2.

Kelsey Yadon, "The Red and Blacklist" Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Ben Goossen, "A Voice of Reason in Uncompromising Times: James Hanway's Kansas," Washburn Rural High School, Topeka, teacher Matt Mosher, district 3.

Julie Sherer, "Denying Personal Justice to the Japanese-Americans," Wamego High School, teacher Adam Topliff, district 4.

Rachel Stanley, "Jane Addams: The Most Dangerous Woman in America," Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Shauna O'Dell, "Strategic Bombing: Necessary or Immoral," Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Senior Individual Exhibits

Rachel Van Horn, "Prague Spring 1968: Conflict Through a Failure to Compromise," Lawrence High School, teacher Michael Ortmann, district 1.

Casey Maxon, "Vietnam Veterans Against the War," Lawrence High School, teacher Valerie Schrag, district 1.

Pamela Self, "Rosa Parks," Fort Scott Christian Heights, district 2.

Amber Kuns, "A Peace of War: The Christmas Truce of 1914," Uniontown High School, Mapleton, teacher Sara Jackman and Dustin Strong, district 2.

Michael Wollin, "Korematsu v. United States," Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Andrew Gutierrez, "A Stolen Kingdom: Hawaii," Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Sydney Lippman, "Trujillo's Reign of Terror: 1930-1961," Wamego High School, teacher Adam Topliff, district 4.

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Anh H. Nguyen, “Degree of Doctorate and Determination: Elizabeth Blackwell's Journey Towards Medicine,” Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Shelby Brown, “Orphan Trains: On Track to a New Life,” Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Senior Group Exhibits

Hacer Yilmaz and Paul Stamm, “Ban the Bomb: SANE'S National Peace Movement,” Lawrence High School, teacher Michael Ortmann, district 1.

Grace Bova, Grace Clark, and Sophie Tate, “From Purple Black, to Pallid White: Racial Conflict In Jazz,” Central Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Christine Connor, district 1.

Anna Stone and Lindsay Frank, “The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project: An End to the Space Race,” Ottawa Senior High School, teacher Candie Campbell, district 2.

Melissa Grosdidier and Ariel Johnson, “Kill the Indian, Save the Man,” Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Amber Brooks and Chelsea Roberts, “Teddy's Commission,” Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Christopher Hull, Bo Ferrell, Brandon Rusch, and Spencer Light, “Israeli Conflict & Compromise,” Rolla High School, teacher Mary Courtney, district 5.

Trevor Steinbrock and Brian McMillan, “Pickett's Charge: The Final Assault,” Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Anh N. Nguyen and Sarah Scrafford, “Emilio Aquinaldo: The Rebel of the Phillippines,” Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Senior Individual Performances

Carina Fowler, “Alice Paul: Passionate Conflict and Strategic Compromise,” Lawrence High School, teacher Michael Ortmann, district 1.

Kristen Gish, “The Unpopular Vote,” Lawrence High School, teacher Michael Ortmann, district 1.

McKenzie Gorman, “The Harvey Girls: A Stepping Stone for Female Rights,” South East High School, Cherokee, teacher Johnnie Varsolona, district 2.

Cassandra Blackwell, "James Lane: The Conflicted Life of a U.S. Senator and the Compromises He Made," Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Ashton Burchfield, "One Bloody Friday," Northfield School of Liberal Arts, Andover, teacher Ken Spurgeon, district 6.

Luke Woolley, "Shenandoah's Run," Northfield School of Liberal Arts, Andover, teacher Ken Spurgeon, district 6.

Senior Group Performances

Kai Mims and **Reanda Mims**, "Life of an Abolitionist: Spirit of a Fiddler," Fort Scott Senior High School, teacher Megan Felt, district 2.

Morgan McCready, **Ashley Spencer**, **Tracy Bennett**, **Derek Watkins**, and **Austin Jameson**, "Sacrifice for Freedom," South East High School, Cherokee, teacher Johnnie Varsolona, district 2.

Vanessa Zimmerman, **Ezra Petersen**, and **Jill Snyder**, "Mama's Lilly," Northfield School of Liberal Arts, Andover, teacher Ken Spurgeon, district 6.

Senior Individual Documentaries

Erin Thimmesch, "Lise Meitner," Lawrence High School, teacher Michael Ortmann, district 1.

Neel Desai, "Pushing for the Bomb: How America's First "Assistant President" Ushered in the Atomic Age," Shawnee Mission West High School, Lenexa, teacher Ron Walker, district 1.

Doris Smith, "Don't Give Up...Don't Ever Give Up," South East High School, Cherokee, teacher Johnnie Varsolona, district 2.

Sjobor Hammer, "'Bones of Contention': Battling for Human Dignity at the Salina Indian Burial Pit," Topeka High School, teacher Harry M. Peterson, Jr., district 3.

Josie Price, "'Kill the Indian, Save the Man': Americanization of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation," Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Elizabeth Sherer, "Connecticut-Kansas Colony and The Conflict In Bleeding Kansas," Wamego High School, teacher Adam Topliff, district 4.

KANSAS HISTORY DAY 2008, All Districts – Add 10

Nathan Fisher, "The Challenges of Homesteading in Chautauqua County Kansas," Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Sarah Swearer, "Peace by Peace: 'The words are simple but the path is not easy'," Hutchinson High School, teacher Nathan Henry, district 7.

Andrew Labenz, "Executive Order 9066," Trinity Catholic High School, Hutchinson, teacher Cheryl Wardlaw, district 7.

Senior Group Documentaries

Phebe Myers and Calvert Pfannenstiel, "I Am Become Death, the Shatterer of Worlds," Central Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Christine Connor, district 1.

Hannah Frydman and Katie Ozorkiewicz, "Failure is Impossible: Alice Paul's Use of Conflict to Inspire Compromises for Women's Suffrage," Central Junior High School, Lawrence, teacher Julie Miller, district 1.

Rich Brewer and Amber Guymon, "When Countries Don't Communicate," South East High School, Cherokee, teacher Johnnie Varsolona, district 2.

Quinton Berggren and Spencer Nemnich, "The Sting of Discrimination: Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)," Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Kim Hurla and Ashley Franken, "We Shall Overcome: The Freedom Riders of 1961," Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Rebecca Ast and Samuel Lenz, "Freedom Riders: A Journey for Equality," Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Michael Rodgers and Sarah Wolf, "Stalingrad: Stalemate on the Eastern Front," Northeast Magnet High School, Wichita, teacher Albert Conard, district 6.

Senior Individual Web Sites

Grace Kehler, "Conflicts with Capone," Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Matej Voboril, "The Pullman Case: Strike for Justice," Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.

Senior Group Web Sites

Casey Bear, Kelsey Wroten, Brittany Friedel, and Caitlin Compton, "The Unusual Enterprises of Dr. Brinkley," Gardner Edgerton High, teacher Derrick Abromeit and Ryan Plankenhorn, district 1.

Jean-Luc Chinal and Joe Coker, "The Tennessee Valley Authority and Its Impact on the Economy," Seaman High School, Topeka, teacher Susan Sittenauer, district 3.

Christine Barragree and Kayla Clasen, "Victim or Rebel: The Cherokee Tribe During the Civil War," Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Wichita, teacher Janet Berry, district 6.