



Connecticut History Topics
The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies

The following list provides *examples* of Connecticut history topics related to this year's theme. The list is not inclusive and the titles are not meant to be used word-for-word, but are intended to provide a starting point for students and teachers to brainstorm ideas for their History Day projects. Choosing one of the topics or titles below will not increase or decrease a student's chance of doing well at a District, State, or National History Day Contest.

Beatrice Fox Auerbach: President of G. Fox & Co.
P. T. Barnum: A Humbug Legacy?
Catherine Beecher: Education Reformer
Governor William Buckingham: "Connecticut's Lincoln"
Samuel Clemens: A Connecticut Yankee
Samuel Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company
Prudence Crandall: Connecticut State Heroine
Oliver Ellsworth: A Connecticut Founding Father
Thomas Gallaudet: Founder of the American School for the Deaf
Ella Grasso: Connecticut's First Female Governor
Nathan Hale: Connecticut State Hero
Katherine Hepburn: Oscar-winning Actress
Isabella Beecher Hooker: The Connecticut Women's Suffrage Association
Thomas Hooker: Founder of Connecticut
Katherine Houghton Hepburn: Women's Rights and Birth Control
Samuel Huntington: First President of the United States
William Samuel Johnson: A Connecticut Founding Father
James Mars: Religious Leader, Activist, Writer, Former Slave
J. P. Morgan: The Great Financier
Samson Occom: Mohegan Preacher and Teacher
Frederick Law Olmstead: Father of Landscape Architecture
James Pennington: From Slave to Abolitionist Preacher
Albert Pope and his Columbia Bicycles
María Sánchez: Hartford's Puerto Rican Godmother
Sassacus: Pequot Sachem
Roger Sherman and the Connecticut Compromise
Lydia Sigourney: The Sweet Singer of Hartford
Igor Sikorsky: Aviation Pioneer
Harriet Beecher Stowe: The Legacy of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
Jonathan Trumbull: America's Patriot Governor
Uncas: Mohegan Sachem
Jeremiah Wadsworth: Merchant, Entrepreneur, Patriot
Augustus Washington: Hartford's Black Daguerreotypist
Hannah Watson: Patriot and Publisher of the Hartford Courant
Noah Webster's Blue-Backed Speller
Gideon Welles: Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy
Horace Wells Discovers Anesthesia