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Germ Theory: How an Idea Revolutionized the Medical Field

Mahima Wuppalapati

Orange County
Beacon Park K-8 School

Teachers: Jonathan Millers

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Penicillin: The Cure That Saved 3/4 Of Humanity -- And May Also Spell Its Doom

Lauren Ho

Riverside County
Corona Fundamental Intermediate School

Teachers: Brandon Smith

Runner-up

Motown Records: Pioneering Black Music Representation on the Billboard Charts

Hailey Brennan

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck

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Mention**

Shadows of Willowbrook: Uncovering Mental Health's Forgotten Frontier

Peyton Rivera

Kern County
Fruitvale Junior High School

Teachers: Brenda Noel



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A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: Mister Rogers, a Pioneer in Children's Education

Aashrita Atmakur, Andie Arkun

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck

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An American Frontier - The Story of a Nation and Two Vaccines

Anjali Kakarla, Anjali Leva

Kern County
Earl Warren Junior High School

Teachers: Courtney Gillson

Runner-up

Grace Hopper: Frontier of the Cyber Sea

Nathan Moon, Zachary Moon

Los Angeles County
Walter Reed Middle School

Teachers: David Graham

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Sitting in for 504: A Civil Rights Frontier for Americans with Disabilities

Dioelle Balubar, Yulia Cai, MaryAnn Granat, Hannah Jumaos

Fresno County
Alta Sierra Intermediate School

Teachers: Debbie Hodge



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Glen Canyon: Frontiers Opened, Paradise Flooded

Shea McGrath

San Diego County
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Joseph Kurz

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Cam-Era: Gordon Parks, Confronting Frontiers to Show America to Itself

Hannah Cho

Orange County
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers

Runner-up

The National Wilmar Strike: Eight Women Fighting on the Frontiers for Equality

Lavanya Bansal

Stanislaus County
Modesto High School

Teachers: David Tanaka

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The Autopsy That Changed The World

Ashly Omalu

Sacramento County
Sacramento Country Day School

Teachers: Christopher Arns



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The Volksempfänger: An Intrusion of German Minds

Audrina Lopez, Alyssa Batang, Kylie Situ

San Mateo County
South San Francisco High School

Teachers: Kimberly Chin

Champion

The Man Who United Two Frontiers: How Fritz Haber Killed Millions and Nourished Billions

Ritieka Kumar, Moksha Kolli

Orange County
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers

Runner-up

Frontiers in History: Lewis Hine Fights Child Labor through Photography

Pauline Yi, Angela Martinez, Emily Cortez, Bella Mokhtari

Los Angeles County
Van Nuys High School

Teachers: Aditi Doshi

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The Power of the Pill: How the Birth Control Pill Established a New Frontier in Women's Liberation

Sydney Lowell, Ella Debenham, Jillian Ascher, Sam Solomon

Santa Clara County
Castilleja School

Teachers: Christy Story



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Marie Tharp: Redefining “Girl Talk”

Jujube Hutt

Los Angeles County
Sierra Madre Middle School

Teachers: Lisabet Nepf

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Neurodiversity: The Story of How a Woman and a Word Launched a New Frontier in Civil Rights

Prahlika Hatti

Los Angeles County
South Pointe Middle School

Teachers: Kevin Duh

Runner-up

The Golden Spike: The Frontier to California’s Journey to Glory

Hasan Modan

Stanislaus County
Prescott Junior High School

Teachers: Greg Gouveia, Mike Ricklick

Honorable Mention

Disney’s Snow White: Frontiers in Full-Length Feature Film, Animation Technology, and Film Marketing and Merchandising

Ellie Murillo

Fresno County
Kastner Intermediate School

Teachers: Gera Bahr, Laura Schultz



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123 Sesame Street: The Frontier of Childhood Growth

Anna Cao, Jennica Alixes

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck

Champion

Home Invaders: Leveling Up the Gaming Frontier

Kellyn Chea, Haylee Pham, Chloe Rafanan

Los Angeles County
Temple Intermediate School

Teachers: Chuck Diep

Runner-up

Elmo's World: Pioneering the Frontier of Educational Television

Mona Boyd, Jenelle Cong, Chris Navarro

Los Angeles County
Temple Intermediate School

Teachers: Chuck Diep

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The First Women of West Point

Katie Glenny, Cailyn Ha

Riverside County
Clara Barton Elementary School

Teachers: Madelynn Silvis, Cherise Leonard



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Blood Transfusion: A lifesaving Frontier in History

Emily Shin

Riverside County
Centennial High School

Teachers: Michael Nugent

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Edward Jenner's Experimentation: Pushing the Frontier of Science and Transgressing Ethical Boundaries

Baran Daliri

Orange County
University High School

Teachers: Jane Koch

Runner-up

The American Indian Religious Freedom Act: Paving the way Toward Tribal Sovereignty

Neyr-res Bartoo

Humboldt County
McKinleyville High School

Teachers: Drew Riddle

Honorable Mention

Extending the Fashion Frontier: Elizabeth Smith Miller & the Bloomers

Megan Liu

Orange County
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers



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Maps to Apps: How the NAVSTAR GPS Advanced Frontiers in Satellite Navigation

Philip Park, Kayla Fu, Sarie Kwak, Sean Yu

**Orange County
Northwood High School**

Teachers: Deanna Myers

Champion

Shooting for the Stars: The New Frontier Created by Guion Bluford

Devyn Harrison, Sydney Reed

**Riverside County
Polytechnic High School**

Teachers: Leticia Hilton

Runner-up

Apollo 11: The Final Frontier

Nao Ohashi, Annie Pflaum

**San Mateo County
Menlo-Atherton High School**

Teachers: Anne Olson

**Honorable
Mention**

The Brothers Grimm: The Tale of Two Brothers Who Changed the Face of Literature

Sabrina Aquino, Angeline Gloria, Josephine Harsna

**San Mateo County
South San Francisco High School**

Teachers: Kimberly Chin



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Historical Paper

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DNA Fingerprinting: Paving a Frontier for the Execution of Justice

Brooklyn Galley

Fresno County

Alta Sierra Intermediate School

Teachers: Debbie Hodge

Champion

The Land of Opportunity: How Indians Broke Frontiers and Became a Dominant Force in Silicon Valley

Ishaan Kendale

Santa Clara County

Khan Lab School

Teachers: Kate Fiske, Derek Vanderpool

Runner-up

The Third World Liberation Strikes of 1968: How A Student Movement Revolutionized Education Through The Fight For Ethnic Studies

Alan Pham

Los Angeles County

Temple Intermediate School

Teachers: Chuck Diep

**Honorable
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The Frontier of Flight: How the Jet Engine Revolutionized the World

James Havercroft

Riverside County

Amelia Earhart Middle School

Teachers: Kent byer



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Clara Shortridge Foltz: Portia of the Pacific

Atishay Lalgudi

Santa Clara County

Evergreen Valley High School

Teachers: Jeremy Goebel

Champion

Mary Scranton and Ewha School: A Frontier of Western Protestant Missionaries and Korean Women's Education

Carey Chang

San Francisco County

San Francisco University High School

Teachers: Jennifer Lee

Runner-up

The Unrecognized Nagorno-Karabakh Republic: Post-Soviet Frontiers and International Law in the South Caucasus

Michael Isayan

Los Angeles County

North Hollywood High School

Teachers: Catherine Underwood

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How the Polio Vaccine Penetrated the Iron Curtain: Reaching New Frontiers in Global Health Diplomacy

Julianne Wu

Orange County

University High School

Teachers: Jane Koch



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Individual Performance

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The War of 1812: Frontiers of a Forgotten War

Matthew Parr

Alameda County
William Mendenhall Middle School

Teachers: Robbie See, Kevin Garcia

Champion

Virginia Hall: Crossing Gender Frontiers in Espionage and Intelligence

Ava George

Riverside County
Corona Fundamental Intermediate School

Teachers: Brandon Smith

Runner-up

A Frontier of the American Women War Correspondent: Marguerite Higgins; A Dauntless Woman Who Lit the Torch of Gender Equality

Audrey Kim

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck

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From the Ashes: The Triangle Fire and a Frontier in Labor Conditions

Kylee West

Orange County
Venado Middle School

Teachers: Hector Gamboa, John Beckman



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More Than A Girl Sniper: Lady Death

Maryam Kayani, Hailey Woodruff, Ruth Rodrigues, Isla Verde, Allison Williamson

Kern County
Fruitvale Junior High School

Teachers: Brenda Noel

Champion

The Women's Army Corps: How Females WACKed Their Way Through an Age-Old Military and Gender Frontier

Michelle Acosta, Arna Banerjee, Kaylee Kirk, Megan McGinthy

Fresno County
Alta Sierra Intermediate School

Teachers: Debbie Hodge

Runner-up

The Grimké Sisters: Pioneers For Women and Equality

Diane Almaoui, Charlie Collins-Williams, Sumayya Jaffer, Kasia Lien, Maya Marfatia

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck

Honorable Mention

From Working in a Kitchen to Working in a Factory: How Propaganda In World War II Formed a Frontier in Womens' Equality

Anushree Patankar, Aanya Mody

Orange County
Venado Middle School

Teachers: Hector Gamboa, John Beckman



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Frontiers In Feminism: The Rococo Art Movement's Liberation Of Female Aristocracy

Sanjana Kumar

San Diego County
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean

Champion

Deeds, Not Words: How Emmeline Pankhurst Expanded the Frontier of Women's Rights

Surabhi Khanna

Fresno County
Clovis North High School

Teachers: Sally Howe

Runner-up

Yun Isang and the East Berlin Affair: Exploring the Frontiers of Music Through Styles and Borders

Susan Kim

Orange County
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers

Honorable Mention

Sa-I-Gu: The Truth Behind LA's Racial Frontier for Korean Americans

Jamie Jung

Orange County
Orange County School of the Arts

Teachers: Lana Sawalha



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Not Quite White: Pioneer Thind Navigates Racism in the Immigration Frontier

Sushant Bhopale, Supriti Bhopale

San Mateo County
Carlmont High School

Teachers: Suvarna Bhopale

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People Power Revolution: Crossing Frontiers Into a New Age of Democracy and Freedom

Claudine Aquino, Nadine Aquino

San Bernardino County
Upland High School

Teachers: Chris Hauk, Mike Macias

Runner-up

Match Girls Strike: Lighting the Way to a New Frontier of Safe and Fair Working Conditions.

Shane Smith, Rosie Chavez, Pason Sellers, Dani Galindo

Riverside County
Canyon Springs High School

Teachers: Autumn Earle-Rodriguez

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Flying Under the Radar: The WASPs of WWII

Annika Baumgartner, Melina Fernon, Dessa Kuritz, Joey Richardson

San Diego County
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean



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Tommy John Surgery

Warda Khan

Riverside County
Vista Heights Middle School

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez, Ana Pantoja

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Charge It: Breaking the Economic Frontier Through the Diners Club Charge Card

Jeshwin Chettiar

Orange County
Venado Middle School

Teachers: Hector Gamboa, John Beckman

Runner-up

Bill Russell: Leading the Way for a New Generation of Activism in Sport

Simon Garrity

San Diego County
The Children's School

Teachers: William Assaf, David Lyons

Honorable Mention

DNA: A Frontier in Crime-Solving and Forensic Science

Abby Brown

Monterey County
All Saints Day School

Teachers: John Schubert, Ashley Young



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Over My Dead Body: How Henrietta Lacks Opened New Frontiers in Science and Bioethics

Danni Brasher, Chloe Chun

Riverside County

Teachers: Courtney Cullen

Dr. Augustine Ramirez Intermediate School

Champion

Connecting the Country, but Disconnected from History: The Role Chinese Immigrants Played in Constructing the Transcontinental Railroad and Changing Racist Ideology

Maddie Park, Chloe Cheng

Santa Clara County

Teachers: Heather Pang

Castilleja School

Runner-up

Pioneering Reconstructive Surgery in WWI: The Knife That Gives Back Life

Zoya Ahmed, Cindy Lin

Orange County

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck

Sierra Vista Middle School

**Honorable
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The Green Revolution: Frontiers in Agricultural Advancement and Solutions for World Hunger

Arja Batth, Cora Beene

Fresno County

Teachers: Gera Bahr, Laura Schultz

Kastner Intermediate School



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The First Vaccine: How Scientists Adapted and Crossed Frontiers to Eradicate the Smallpox Virus

Joshua Wu

Los Angeles County
Diamond Bar High School

Teachers: Jared Wu

Champion

Crossing Feminist Frontiers: "Bra Burners" and the Miss America Protest of 1968

Sonia Freedman

San Mateo County
Menlo-Atherton High School

Teachers: Anne Olson

Runner-up

Thalidomide: A New Frontier in Pharmaceutical Regulation Too Late

Willow Bolton

Fresno County
Edison High School

Teachers: Gary Mrkaich

Honorable Mention

The Frontier of Computation: The Man Behind the Machine

Ben Folk

San Diego County
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Joseph Kurz



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The March on Selma; Pioneering Frontiers One Step at a Time

Luba Al-khalili, Jonathan Rho

Orange County
University High School

Teachers: Jane Koch

Champion

Take Me Out to the Ballpark: A New Frontier for Chavez Ravine

Carla Vera, Ricky Enriquez, Diego Ramirez

Los Angeles County
Del Mar High School

Teachers: Katherine Kloster

Runner-up

Civil Rights of Reconstruction: The Temporary Frontier

Sam Adelberg, Jasmine Hou, Ailon Goraly, John Diepenbrock, Theo Golovchinsky

San Mateo County
Menlo-Atherton High School

Teachers: Anne Olson

**Honorable
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The Planet Weeps: 1970 Environmental Frontier Remedies to Heal Mother Earth

Rowan Crass, Sade Walls, Adam Kirkpatrick Jr.

Fresno County
Edison High School

Teachers: Gary Mrkaich



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A Breath of Fresh Air: How California Became the Birthplace of Frontiers in Clean Air

Frankie Holland

Orange County

Irvine Virtual Academy Middle School

Teachers: Sandra Komara

Champion

Artists and Activists: Jazz Musicians Leading the Civil Rights Movement

Jacob Dinh

Orange County

Venado Middle School

Teachers: Hector Gamboa, John Beckman

Runner-up

Chien Shiung Wu: Crossing the Frontier of Experimental Physics

Ariel Liu

Contra Costa County

Windemere Ranch Middle School

Teachers: Kirstin Souza

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Overthrowing Machinery: The Luddite Rebellion, Frontier Against Modern Technology

Madeline Cheng

Orange County

Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck



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Negotiating Identity at the Frontier: The Role of the Carlisle School in Cultural Assimilation

Ansh Gosain, Matthew Lee

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck

Champion

Amy Tan: Pioneering the Chinese American Experience in Western Media

Zixuan Cui, Yongjing Li, Isabelle Yang

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Millers Jonathan, Lianne Linck

Runner-up

The Wisconsin Angel: The Woman Who Redefined the Frontiers of Healthcare During the Civil War

Sruthi Nimmagadda, Smayna Kasibhotla

Contra Costa County
Windemere Ranch Middle School

Teachers: Kirstin Souza

Honorable Mention

Frank Lloyd Wright: Building the Architectural Identity of American Homes

Aaron Lee (LA), Annie Chen

Los Angeles County
Temple Intermediate School

Teachers: Chuck Diep



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Dr. Archibald McIndoe: How a Medical Pioneer Established Groundbreaking Frontiers in Reconstructive Surgery

Anjana Chandrasekhar

Kern County
Stockdale High School

Teachers: Sheila McLeod

Champion

The Prague Spring: Pursuing Frontiers of Individual Liberty Under “Socialism With a Human Face”

Ethan Chen

Orange County
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers

Runner-up

The Second Gold Rush: The History and Work of the Citrus Industry in Riverside, California

Noah Holm

Riverside County
Moreno Valley High School

Teachers: Elliot Stone, Aurelio Cortez, Ana Pantoja

**Honorable
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The Interstate Highway System: A New Frontier in Connections

Evan Taw

Kern County
Centennial High School

Teachers: Bryan Deger, Rowena Moore



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“There’s Blood on Those Grapes”: How the Delano Grape Strike Sprouted a Frontier for Working Conditions

Rachel Kim, Bernice Hung

Orange County
Portola High School

Teachers: Wind Ralston

Champion

"Hope Will Never Be Silent:" Harvey Milk's Crusade for LGBTQ+ Rights

Bhargav Shriram, Logan King

Alameda County
American High School

Teachers: Shriram Krishnan

Runner-up

The Pentagon Papers: A Revolutionary Legal Frontier Defending Free Press Against Prior Restraint

Caroline Yuan, Sara Flexer

Santa Clara County
Castilleja School

Teachers: Christy Story

**Honorable
Mention**

The Jungle and the Pure Food Legislation of 1906: A New Frontier in Food Safety

Joseph Or, Yunshu Zhang

Riverside County
John W North High School

Teachers: Matthew Walter