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Individual Documentary

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Beyond the Scalpel: Laparoscopic Surgery and Its Revolutionary Impact on Modern Medicine

Mahima Wuppalapati

**Orange County
Beacon Park K-8 School**

Teachers: Christina Ralston, Radha Wuppalapati

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The Game Changer: Marvin Miller | Turning Point in Labor-Management Relations

Vincent Tang

**Riverside County
El Cerrito Middle School**

Teachers: Steven Case

Runner-up

Bloomers & Bicycles

Tallulah Turner

**Santa Clara County
Castilleja School**

Teachers: Heather Pang

**Honorable
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Dam It: A Turning Point of Destruction

Diego Stengl

**Humboldt County
Independent Study**

Teachers:



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Harvesting the Future: The revolution that saved millions of lives

Charles Xu, Grant Gillison

**Los Angeles County
High Point Academy**

Teachers: Gintaras Valiulis

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Rising from the Ashes: The Cuyahoga River, a Turning Point in American Environmental Policy

Poiema Bernier, Lucas Menendez

**Orange County
Acaciawood Preparatory Academy**

Teachers: Karen Kayekjian, Noemi Quinones

Runner-up

Marshall Plan: Turning Point in the History of American Foreign Policy

Ronnie Bose, Ansh Patel, Sanjay Ravikumar

**Kern County
Earl Warren Junior High School**

Teachers: Courtney Gillson

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Turmoil to Trade: The Turning Point Between China and the U.S.

Lindsay Gott, Aden Zaidi

**Los Angeles County
High Point Academy**

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" When the Computer Wore a Skirt": Christine Darden

Yesha Gupta

**Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

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East L.A. Walkouts: Launching a Movement

Henry Wiechmann

**Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

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The Emancipation Proclamation: A Turning Point in America

Daisy Negrón

**Los Angeles County
Sierra Madre Middle School**

Teachers: Lisabet Nepf

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The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: A Turning Point for Workers' Rights

Maya Bornstein

**Los Angeles County
Sierra Madre Middle School**

Teachers: Lisabet Nepf



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“To the hip hip hop-a you don’t stop.” Turning the Tables on Music History

Emily Huang, Megan Phan, Hilary Hung

Los Angeles County

Teachers: Chuck Diep

Roger W. Temple Intermediate School

Champion

Newlands Resolution: The Road to American Imperialism; A Political, Economic, and Cultural Turning Point

Haidar Alkhafaf, Michael Wang

Orange County

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

Sierra Vista Middle School

Runner-up

The Manhattan Project: The Bomb that Changed the World

Orion Baroi, Noah Doney, Christian Eusebio, Jayden Quintana

Riverside County

Teachers: Laurel Lowell

Vista Verde Middle School

Honorable Mention

The Social Security Act: A Turning Point in the Economy and the Government's Relationship with Individuals

Kaelyn Dow, Karissa Luo, Stella Popova, Elena Zhu

San Diego County

Teachers: Jordan Einbinder, Diana Kwon

Solana Ranch Elementary



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Historical Paper

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The Irvine Ranch Master Plans and the Birth of a Better City

Jay Bruce

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Jonathan Millers

Champion

Women, Where They Belong: Title IX as a Turning Point for Girls and Women in American Sports and Society

Augusta Chen

Santa Clara County
The Harker School

Teachers: Ramsay Westgate

Runner-up

“The iron rod that has beaten us down is broken...” The Haitian Revolution and the Struggle for Freedom

Joaquín Joseph

Riverside County
Riverside STEM Academy

Teachers: Amanda Zonker

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MacArthur’s Daring Gamble: How Operation Chromite Saved South Korea and Shaped the Cold War

Kate Yi

Riverside County
El Cerrito Middle School

Teachers: Steven Case



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Florence Nightingale: The Woman Who Turned Nursing Toward the Point of Perfection

Bridget Caverly

Riverside County
El Cerrito Middle School

Teachers: Steven Case

Champion

MacArthur's Bold Gambit: How Operation Chromite Became a Pivotal Turning Point in the Korean War and Shaped NATO's Inception

Audrey Kim

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

Runner-up

Pesticide Free, Finally

Dina Bakir

Riverside County
Garretson Elementary School

Teachers: Amy Jensen

Honorable Mention

X-rays: X-posing the Invisible

Akshita Saravana

Riverside County
Lincoln Fundamental Elementary School

Teachers: Lynne Toyofuku-Aki



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Institut National de Juenes Sourds de Paris: Giving Voice to the Voiceless

Gia Bui, Cristal Caro, Viv Vazquez, Giselle Padilla

**San Bernardino County
Ray Wiltsey Middle School**

Teachers: Angela Stephens, Vanessa Roman

Champion

The Scopes Monkey Trial: Turning Point for Voices, Values, and Public Opinion

Serina Cabrera, Xavier Carrillo, Kimiko Kitayama, Julio Zelaya

**Riverside County
Vista Heights Middle School**

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez

Runner-up

Hull House: A New Method of Justice

Michelle Chavez, Trinity Suto, Paola Guido, Kaylynn White, Marissa Soto

**San Bernardino County
Ray Wiltsey Middle School**

Teachers: Angela Stephens, Vanessa Roman

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The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire

Saina Mestry, Kashvi Vishnoi

**Alameda County
William Mendenhall Middle School**

Teachers: Robbie See, Denise Saylor



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The Feudal Plague and the Free Market Cure

Adam Jaimovich

San Diego County
The Rhoades School

Teachers: Julie Watts

Champion

Conquering Polio, the Disease that Immobilized America

Prajna Valipireddy

San Diego County
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean

Runner-up

The History of Radio

Ryan Harrington

Alameda County
William Mendenhall Middle School

Teachers: Robbie See, Denise Saylor

Honorable Mention

Lincoln Steffens: The Shame of the Cities

Sarah Henderson

Alameda County
William Mendenhall Middle School

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A New Era of Safety: The 1938 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and Its Impact on Consumer Protection

Lilyana Covington, Elijah Holm

Riverside County
Vista Heights Middle School

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez, Lori Georg

Champion

The Wound and Scar of Divide: Understanding the Partition Between India and Pakistan and its Lasting Effects on History

Yash Santosh, Shreya Pandey

Orange County
South Lake Middle School

Teachers: Tim Leavey

Runner-up

From Denial to Recognition: Analyzing Multiple Perspectives on the Armenian Genocide

Isabella Allen, Mikayla Deal

San Diego County
The Rhoades School

Teachers: Julie Watts

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Furman v. Georgia: The Case that Saved Lives

Harper Finn, Kylie Dang, Sarah Zhou

Santa Clara County
Castilleja School

Teachers: Victoria Perez



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Harvesting Change: How the Oxnard Strike of 1903 Transformed the Labor Force

Meghana Wuppalapati

Orange County
Beacon Park K-8 School

Teachers: Christina Ralston, Radha Wuppalapati

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The First Opium War: A Turning Point in Chinese History That Opened China to Western Powers

Ellsa Ye

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

Runner-up

The Rise and Fall of Lobotomy: A Turning Point in Psychiatry

Kayla Nguyen

Riverside County
Prado View Elementary School

Teachers: Doreen Alt

Honorable Mention

Second Battle of Ypres Belgium: The Point of No Return

Elijah Dominador

San Bernardino County
Ray Wiltsey Middle School

Teachers: Angela Stephens, Vanessa Roman



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A Turning Point to Co-existence: How Silent Spring Led to the Reevaluation of Humanity's Relationship with the Environment

Shawn Castrapel, Saanvi Chaparala, Sanay Chaparala, Daniel Cheng, Crystal Zhou

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

Champion

A Turning Point in Immigration: How the Transcontinental Railroad Affected the Chinese

Shreya Hegde, Christine Jeon

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Jonathan Millers, Lianne Linck

Runner-up

Plastics Wonder to Blunder: The Global Turning Point That Remolded Society

Gavin Fong, Anderson Ng

Los Angeles County
High Point Academy

Teachers: Gintaras Valiulis

Honorable Mention

The Beatles Impact on Technology, Pop Culture, and the World of Music

Madison Davis, Aileen Rutkosky

Fresno County
Kastner Intermediate School

Teachers: Gera Bahr, Laura Schultz
