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CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

Individual Documentary

Junior

Champion

The Nuremberg Trials

Sahana Datla

**Contra Costa County
Windemere Ranch Middle**

Teachers: Courtney Fradelis

Champion

Injustice Interned: Sacrificing Civil Rights for National Security

Emery Penaloza

**Kern County
Norris Middle**

Teachers: Lora Penaloza

Runner-up

The Americans with Disabilities Act: Paving the Way for Future Rights and Responsibilities Against Disability Discrimination

Audrey Tokat-Dunlop

**Fresno County
Kastner Intermediate**

Teachers: Gera Bahr, Laura Schultz

**Honorable
Mention**

Science Without Conscience: The Tuskegee Syphilis Study; The Importance of Ethical Responsibility to Protect Individuals' Rights

Nicholas Roussos

**Merced County
Herbert Hoover Middle**

Teachers: Pam Atkinson, Kay Rouse



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The Right to Stay: Doss v Bernal Dismantling Housing Segregation

Poiema Bernier, Rebekah Miller, Lucas Menendez, Enoch Wu

Orange County
Acaciawood Preparatory Academy

Teachers: Karen Kayekjian, Carolin
Menendez, Jessica Bernier

Champion

Ubuntu: Humanity

Avanika Prasad, Chinmayee Srinivasan

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle

Teachers: Lianne Linck, Jonathan Millers

Runner-up

The Selma Voting Rights Marches: The Rights of the Marchers and the Responsibilities of Alabama

Lila Atali, Mira Multani

Santa Clara County
Castilleja School

Teachers: Heather Pang

**Honorable
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Environmental Rights: Rachel Carson's Impact on Our World

Angela Ananthanathan, Ronov Ranjith

Riverside County
Corona Fundamental Intermediate

Teachers: Sara Hester



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Sunny Days: Sesame Street's Fight for Educational Rights, Equality, and Media Responsibility

Georgia Nunez-Corvera

Riverside County
Sierra Middle

Teachers: Edwin Rumsey

Champion

Returning Blue Lake: The Confluence of Rights, Responsibilities & Social Justice

Alekha Goldberg

Kern County
Peak to Peak Mountain Charter

Teachers: Elaine Salmon

Runner-up

The Right to Learn: Recognizing Responsibilities in Lau v. Nichols

Yesha Gupta

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle

Teachers: Lianne Linck, Jonathan Millers

Honorable Mention

Beyond Reasonable Doubt: The Right to Fair Trials and the Fight Against Wrongful Conviction

Rooney Pizano-Acosta

San Bernardino County
Ray Wiltsey Middle

Teachers: Angela Stephens, Kandyce Valverde



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Denied Rights, Embraced Responsibility: The Displacement and Rebuilding of LA's Chinatown

Manting Wang, Christy Lieu, Katharine Wu, Vivi Zhong

Los Angeles County

Teachers: Chuck Diep

Temple (Roger W.) Intermediate

Champion

The HOPE Act's Promise: Rights and Responsibilities

Emily Huynh, Ellie Huynh

Kern County

Teachers: Zachary Kolb

Fruitvale Junior High

Runner-up

From Violations to Verdicts: How the Nuremberg Trials Demanded Responsibility for Human Rights Violations

David Cha, Noah Im, Liam Kim, Ayaan Thind

Orange County

Teachers: Lianne Linck, Jonathan Millers

Sierra Vista Middle

Honorable Mention

Rights Erased: The Forgotten Massacre of Nanjing

Christian Eusebio, Jayden Quintana, Noah Doney, Orion Baroi

Riverside County

Teachers: Laurel Lowell, Ryan Bausch

Vista Verde Middle



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Historical Paper

Junior

Champion

The Attica Prison Uprising and Its Legacy: Rights and Responsibilities in the American Prison System

Jason Rong

San Mateo County
The Nueva School

Teachers: Cynthia Kosut

Champion

Upholding Human Rights: The Nuremberg Trials and the International Responsibility of Delivering Justice

Abigail Han

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle

Teachers: Lianne Linck

Runner-up

Go for Broke: How the 442nd Combat Regiment Fought at Home and Abroad

Kate Yi

Riverside County
El Cerrito Middle

Teachers: Steven Case

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Defending Hate and the Right to Offend: Village of Skokie v. National Socialist Party of America

Addie Firman

Santa Clara County
Castilleja School

Teachers: Heather Pang



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Individual Performance

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Phone Booths to Smartphones: Rights and Responsibilities from Katz to the Digital Age

Aria Yatavelli

Orange County
Santiago Hills Elementary

Teachers: Katie Gray

Champion

Sati: A Widow's Right to Live, Society's Responsibility to Protect

Akshita Saravana

Riverside County
Corona Fundamental Intermediate

Teachers: Sara Hester

Runner-up

Workers' Rights and Corporate Responsibilities: The Battle of the Homestake Lockout

Bonnie LeQuire

Riverside County
Vista Heights Middle

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez, Ana Pantoja

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Securing Women's Right to Vote: The Fight and Responsibility Behind the 19th Amendment

Shreya Malhotra

Contra Costa County
Windemere Ranch Middle

Teachers: Tracy Harrelson



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Tinker vs Des Moines: How the Ants Marched Towards Freedom of Speech

Julie Montiel, Viviann Rodriguez, Isaac Enriquez Cervantes, Allison Gonzalez, Vanessa Beltran

San Bernardino County
Ray Wiltsey Middle

Teachers: Angela Stephens, Kandyce Valverde, Vanessa Roman

Champion

The Flores Agreement: The Rights and Responsibilities of a Society Concerning Childhood Immigration

Rebecca Cacace, Evelyn Meza, Jessica Ochoa

Tulare County
Kings River Elementary

Teachers: Sophia Perez

Runner-up

The Bold Suffragette: The WSPU's Use of Jiu-Jitsu to Hold Parliament Responsible for Giving Them Their Rights

Brandon Rivas, Lauren Rivas, Mila Matusевич, Sadie Rotz

Riverside County
Mission Vista Academy

Teachers: Bethany Rotz

Honorable Mention

The Newsies Strike of 1899: Exposing the Need for Child Labor Rights and The Government's Responsibility

Sydney Berryman, Grace Markus

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle

Teachers: Lianne Linck, Jonathan Millers



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Individual Podcast

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Ruby Bridges' Courageous Walk to School: A Child's Right and a Nation's Responsibility

Prajna Valipreddy

San Diego County
Francis Parker

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean

Champion

The Right to Believe, the Responsibility to Respect: Roger Williams and the Seeds of Religious Liberty

Melody Velasco

Riverside County
Vista Heights Middle

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez, Ana Pantoja

Runner-up

The Pursuit of Profit: How Food Industry Manufacturers' Irresponsible Decisions Undermined the Rights of Consumers

Madison Cho

San Diego County
The Rhoades School

Teachers: Julie Watts

Honorable Mention

Turning it Up to 435: How Politicians Have Abused Their Responsibilities and Taken Away Voters' Rights via Gerrymandering

Lexie Holland

Orange County
Santiago Hills Elementary

Teachers: Katie Gray



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Voices in the Dark: The Tragic End of the Radium Girls

Kai Doorley, Nora Schroepfer

**Santa Clara County
Castilleja School**

Teachers: Heather Pang

Champion

Mendez and Munemitsu: The Story Behind the Case

Madilyn Butler, Sofia Reyes, YuQiao Shao

**Orange County
Rancho San Joaquin Middle**

Teachers: Aghassi Gharadaghian, Patricia Pierson

Runner-up

Margaret Sanger's fight for Birth Control

Tasin Syeda, Daniella Gregory

**Alameda County
William Mendenhall Middle**

Teachers: Cara Fidler, Rhett Adams

**Honorable
Mention**

Rights for the Few, Responsibilities for None: The Roots of the 2008 Crisis

Eason Zhang, George Jalakian, Nader Slim

**Los Angeles County
High Point Academy**

Teachers: Gintaras Valiulis



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No More Negotiations, Sign 504: How Disabled Americans took Responsibility and fought for their Rights in the 504 Sit-In

Layla Wescott

Riverside County
Amelia Earhart Middle

Teachers: Kent Byer

Champion

"Bad Blood": Rights and Responsibilities following the Tuskegee Syphilis Study

Vinay Rao

Los Angeles County
Sierra Madre Middle

Teachers: Julie Martinez

Runner-up

One Flame Can Spark a Fire: The Match Girls' Strike of 1888

Milani Doshi

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle

Teachers: Lianne Linck, Jonathan Millers

Honorable Mention

Fred T. Korematsu v. United States: The Case Which Challenged the Rights and Responsibilities of Our Society

Allison Lin

Santa Clara County
Castilleja School

Teachers: Heather Pang



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The Thalidomide Tragedy: Rights of Consumers' Healthcare and Responsibilities of the Manufacturer

Christine Jeon, Joseph Featherstone

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle

Teachers: Lianne Linck, Jonathan Millers

Champion

Rights and Responsibilities: The Hetch Hetchy Dam and Its Environmental Impact

Shawn Castrapel, Max Castrapel

Orange County
Sierra Vista Middle

Teachers: Lianne Linck, Jonathan Millers

Runner-up

The Indian Colonial Era: Trade Rights Denied and the Fight for Economic and Financial Independence

Meher Boparai, Aanya Dwivedi, Aryan Dwivedi

Fresno County
Kastner Intermediate

Teachers: Gera Bahr, Laura Schultz

Honorable Mention

Roe v. Wade: A Case That Revolutionized Reproductive Rights

Sai Sahasra Kondamadugu, Danyatha Jeyapandi

Orange County
Venado Middle

Teachers: Hector Gamboa, Kevin Bui
