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Green Belt Movement founded by Wangari Maathai

Diya Annamalai

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

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The Great Railroad Strike of 1877

Rochelle Macwan

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

Theodore Judah Elementary

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The Women's Suffrage Movement

Anika Pundir

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

Theodore Judah Elementary

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NFL -AFL Merger

Shaurya Gupta

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

Theodore Judah Elementary

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How Washing Machines Revolutionized the World

Mrigakshika Ramachandran

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

Theodore Judah Elementary



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When Fear took over Freedom: Japanese Internment Camps

Avyukth Prasanna, Nikitha Venkat

Teachers: Jennifer Foster

Alder Creek Elementary

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The First Transcontinental Railroad

Veda Arvind, Daya Gandlur

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

Theodore Judah Elementary

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How the Ford Model T Revolutionized Transportation

Jayden Liu, Conrad Lee

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

Theodore Judah Elementary

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Indian Salt March

Ryan Gupta, Aarav Mittal, Viaan Singamsetty

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

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The Non-Cooperation Movement of Gandhi

Rishil Pasumarthi, Bhavik Ramakrishnan

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The Jane Goodall Revolution: Changing How We See Animals

Ayana Alam

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

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The Haitian Revolution

Reyan Bhattarai

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

Theodore Judah Elementary

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The Germ Theory Revolution & its impact on Human Medicine

Krishiv Sudhir Kumar

Teachers: Christina Abshire

Russell Ranch Elementary

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Native Americans at Alcatraz Island

Maverick Spinka

Teachers: Jennifer Foster

Alder Creek Elementary

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The March of the Mill Children

Shreya Anil

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

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Lightening the Darkness: Mother Jones and The Fight for Labor Rights

Max Huang, Tayden Cho, Vetrivel Murugan Kamaraj

Teachers: Letitia Zugnoni

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Alice Paul - The voice that couldn't be silenced

Thaswi Maddhirala, Sai Aaradhya Kistamsetty, Aadya Kanaparathi

Teachers: Jennifer Foster

Alder Creek Elementary

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The Cotton Gin

Vaanya Shrivastava, Saadhana Arunkumar

Teachers: Jennifer Foster

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Sybil Ludington, The Revolutionary Rider

Deeksha Dirisala, Dhahami Kariyawasam

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The Flapper Era

Vipra Kamble

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The Hollywood Blacklist

Miles Holdaway

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

Winston Churchill Middle

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The Aids Movement: How Science, Protests, and Politics Changed Everything

Reema Choi

Teachers: Kirsten Van Tuyl

California Middle

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Johnny Cash and the Folsom Prison, 1968

Ashhwin Siva Prasath

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

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The Banana Massacre

Lana Al-Ttaee, Hadassah Awodele, Zoe Chacko, Luna Erazo

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

Winston Churchill Middle

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The U.S. Reaction to Pearl Harbor Bombing

Samantha Lyons, Lorelai Guillarte

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

Winston Churchill Middle

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They Took Everything: American Occupation in Hawaii

Kira Hiratsuka, Kaylee Fong

Teachers: Kirsten Van Tuyl

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How Rooftop Koreans Transformed The Korean Identity

Ellie Bonilla, Ivy Huang, Elisa Ansari

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

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The 1977 Section 504 Sit-In and the Medical Rights Revolution

Amritha Siva Prasath

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China's Last Cry for Freedom

Seraphina Gan

Teachers: Jordan Dietrich

Cosumnes Oaks High

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The March First Movement: The Spark of a Civic Revolution

Ian Kim

Teachers: Cole Cooper

Vista del Lago High

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A Revolution of Anger, and the Reform of Good; The Troubles, and the Good Friday Agreement

Gregory Rubio

Teachers: Melissa Lawson

Cordova High



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Opportunity vs. Adversity: The Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of American Homeownership Accessibility

Miri Lucksinger, Addie Lucksinger

Teachers: Whitney Pomeroy

South Tahoe High

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The COINTELPRO Files: The Hidden Dissonance of Democracy

Hansika Kolli, Soina Kaur

Teachers: Cole Cooper

Vista del Lago High

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From Miracle to Menace: DDT and the Pesticide Revolution

Nora Yarlagadda, Ryan Yarlagadda

Teachers: Cole Cooper

Vista del Lago High

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Waiting for an Exit: How The Triangle Fire Sparked Safety Reform

Aanya Nagrecha, Samuchi Kotha, Akila Ramanathan, Vaishnavi Varma

Teachers: Cole Cooper

Vista del Lago High

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Revolution, Reaction, and Reform: The Holocaust

Kylie Hess, Medjugorje Pham, Itzel Duran Moreno

Teachers: Maryville Poe

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Women Life Freedom

Dayana Nikrah

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From Silence to Speech: The Berkeley Free Speech Movement

Mauli Singhai

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

Winston Churchill Middle

Champion

Worker Safety Laws Passed After the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire

Helen Jacobsen

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

Winston Churchill Middle

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From E.T. to Mario Kart: How gaming's near death experience reformed the video game world

A.J. Salzberg

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

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Rosie the Riveter

May Wallace, Olivia Hester

Teachers: Brandi Sidley

Leonardo Da Vinci

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A League of Their Own: How WWII Paved the Way for Women in Sports

Madeleine Whitlock, Warren Robinson, Christopher Harvey, Vincent Murray

Teachers: Brandi Sidley

Leonardo Da Vinci

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The Beatles: A Musical Revolution

Kassie Beverly, Daisy Guerrero-Hernandez

Teachers: Kirsten Van Tuyl

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Beyond the Guillotine: The Real Legacy of Marie Antoinette

Sophie Gonzales, Areya Montoya

Teachers: Brandi Sidley

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Echoes of Change: How Title IX Reshaped Schools, Sports, and Society

Addelyn Kuehne

Teachers: Lindsey Giacomini

ATLAS Learning Academy

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The Radium Girls

Rishika Kongara

Teachers: Mahesh Kongara

Inderkum High

Champion

Blood in Beijing: The June 4th Incident

Bennett Kuehne

Teachers: Lindsey Giacomini

ATLAS Learning Academy

Champion

The Green Revolution

Netra Narasimhan

Teachers: Cole Cooper

Vista del Lago High

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The Freedman's Bureau

Janya Sinha

Teachers: Cole Cooper

Vista del Lago High



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Promised Pay, Denied Dignity: The Bonus Army March of 1932

Meara Donahue, Piper Tannaci

Teachers: Whitney Pomeroy

South Tahoe High

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The Day Hollywood Went Quiet: Reaction and Reform in the Writers Guild of America Strike

Greta Lynch, Shae Johnson

Teachers: Whitney Pomeroy

South Tahoe High

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Breaking Silence and Systems: The Revolution to End Violence Against Women and Its Role as a Catalyst for Change

Hannah Padme Castro, Fiona Abin

Teachers: Debra Jean Zwicker-Sobrepena,
Livia Castro

Folsom High

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Revolution Drawn in Blood

Jayson Huynh, Hannah Lu, Jacob Lee

Teachers: Maryville Poe

Monterey Trail High

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The Swirls of Protest: A Cultural Revolution of America

Natalie Chason, Shivani Gannavarapu

Teachers: Natalie Chason

Rio Americano High



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Tippi Hedren: Transforming the Nail Industry for Vietnamese Refugees

Matthew Zhang, Samuel Zhang, Damian Del Rio

Teachers: Maryville Poe

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Queen Elizabeth 1: Expansion

Ira Parmar, Olivia Blanc, Kalela Dondro, Madison Lyons

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Questions 27 and 28.

Srinidhi Nagunuri

Vista del Lago High

Teachers: Cole Cooper



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The 228 Incident: Spark and Suppression in Taiwan

Anne Tsai

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

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**The Golden Standard: How the Golden Gate Bridge Rewrote the
Laws of Safety**

Rani Middleton

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

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A Disposable Dystopia: How the Plastics Revolution Created Our Convenience Culture

Vedansh Shetty, Edward Sharp

Teachers: Jeff Palmrose

Sutter Middle

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How Prop 13 solved a tax crisis but created lasting Inequity in California's Public Schools

Amogh Iyengar, Narain Rasappan

Teachers: Shruthika Iyengar

Sutter Middle

Champion

The Revolution, Reaction and Reforms of the Paris Student Revolts of May 1968

Simone Russell, Franny Trzcinski

Teachers: Kirsten Van Tuyl

California Middle

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The 1979 Iranian Revolution

June Miller, Hana Michalski

Teachers: Kirsten Van Tuyl

California Middle



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US v. Nixon

Aubrey Baird, Ruby Mathew

Teachers: Jordan Dietrich

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LOCKED in Time: Preserving Chinese American Legacy

**Aleena Farooqui, Celyne Ann Gerona, Kurston Jackson, Lyanna Wong,
Karl Muring**

Teachers: Jordan Dietrich

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A Prescription for Change: Elizabeth Blackwell's Medical Revolution, Challenging 1800's Reaction through Reform

Sumaydha Mudlapur

Teachers: Craig Peach

Sutter Middle

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Gandhi's Salt March

Rohana Jobi

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

Winston Churchill Middle

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The Chinese Liberation War

Aili Zhang

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The 1800s Sacramento Floods: The Overlooked Disasters

Trey Wallace, Adam Scheeline, Kevin Ruan

Teachers: Brandi Sidley

Leonardo Da Vinci

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Level Up: Shigeru Miyamoto's Revolutionary Impact on Gaming

Elliot Huscher, Ronan Longwedel Donaldson, Tristan Short

Teachers: Brandi Sidley

Leonardo Da Vinci

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The Invention of the World Wide Web

Atharv Ram Maddy, Tarun Krishna Hariraagav

Teachers: Michael Bauer

Folsom Middle

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The Chernobyl Disaster

Jameson Sweeney-Carpenter, Mina Popescu, Loriah Holsinger

Teachers: Joshua Buhs, Lyndsay Lewis

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Screen Generation: How the Evolution of Children's Media Shaped Generations

Nya Ochoa

Teachers: Melissa Lawson

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Levittown & the Making of a Car-Centric America

Maulik Rastogi, Aariz Chaudhry

Teachers: Deepika Rastogi

Mountain House High
