



# 2026 NHD-CA

## CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

### Individual Documentary

#### Junior

##### Champion

**Silenced No More: How Chicana Women’s Reaction to Forced Sterilization Forced Medical Reform**

Alex Gao

San Diego County  
Pacific Trails Middle

Teachers: Katherine Osbourne Hall

##### Champion

**From Revolution to Reform: Action to Reaction in the Third World Liberation Front**

Joy Yan-Li

Orange County  
Venado Middle School

Teachers: Hector Gamboa

##### Runner-up

**Exploited Innocence: How Child Labor Ignited National Outrage, Fueled Public Reaction, and Forged Lasting Reform in Industrial America**

Phoebe Capaldi

San Diego County  
The Rhoades School

Teachers: Julie Watts

##### Honorable Mention

**Out of the Flames: The Tragedy of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire**

Anchali Srirajan

Riverside County  
Corona Fundamental Intermediate

Teachers: Sara Hester, George Wise



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### Group Documentary

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**Giving Credit Where Credit is Due: The Equal Credit Opportunity Act America's Financial Reform**

Chase Belmont, Savannah Gilbert, Marion Paulson, Colton Schoales, Drew Terrence

**Fresno County**  
Alta Sierra Intermediate

Teachers: Debbie Hodge

**Champion**

**A Revolution on your Plate: America's Fight for Pure Food**

Angela Ananthanathan, Ronov Ranjith

**Riverside County**  
Corona Fundamental Intermediate

Teachers: Sara Hester, George Wise

**Runner-up**

**Pick Your Poison - Shays' Rebellion and the Sinews of American Democracy**

Aarav Brijesh, Zidaan Barodawala

**Contra Costa County**  
Windemere Ranch Middle

Teachers: Kirstin Souza

**Honorable  
Mention**

**More Than a Game: How the St. Louis Cardinals Revolutionary Act Against Segregation Led to MLB Reforms**

Davis Barbee, Krish Marfatia, Aryan Shah, Kaito Yamashita

**Orange County**  
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Lianne Linck



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**Prions, Mad Cow Disease, and the Cost of Certainty**

Tyler Sterry

San Mateo County  
Aragon High

Teachers: David Sterry

**Champion**

**Education Liberation: How the Black Panther Party's Oakland Community School Revolutionized Education for Marginalized Students**

Nicholas Soo

Orange County  
Irvine High School

Teachers: Jennifer Harrington

**Runner-up**

**Between Two Revolutions: How Ordinary Iranians Created Grassroots Change**

Ryan Amiri Kashani

Fresno County  
Clovis North High

Teachers: Sally Howe

**Honorable  
Mention**

**The Cold Revolution: How the Electric Refrigerator Defeated the Ice Industry and Re-Engineered the American Food Supply Chain (1920–1950)**

Dashiell Brown

Marin County  
The Branson School

Teachers: Malik Ali, Talia Di Manno



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**Leveling the Playing Field: Title IX a Fight for Equality in Women's Sports**

Adan Lopez, Saanvi Neeli, Laila Murra, Neha Vimalanathan, Lorelai Acuna

Los Angeles County  
Van Nuys Senior High

Teachers: Aditi Mehta Doshi

**Champion**

**The COINTELPRO Files: A Hidden Dissonance of Democracy**

Hansika Kolli, Soina Kaur

Sacramento County  
Vista del Lago High

Teachers: Cole Cooper

**Runner-up**

**Fabricating Truth: How Quilts Broke Past Censorship in Chile**

Amaira Gupta, Katy Wan, Leo Hsia, Kepler Quan

San Mateo County  
The Nueva School

Teachers: Alexander Brocchini

**Honorable  
Mention**

**River Revolution: How the Cuyahoga River Fires Sparked Environmental Reform**

Lydia Lo, Leanna Lo, Michael Wang

Orange County  
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers



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### A Spark and a Slow Burn: The Monongah Mine Disaster

Hannah Hsiao

Orange County  
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Lianne Linck

#### Champion

### Revolutionary Words: Jovita Idar's Journalism, Reaction, and Struggle for Reform

Oliver Wiechmann

Orange County  
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Lianne Linck

#### Runner-up

### A Revolution in Rubbish: How Jean Vincenz's Fresno Landfill Reformed Global Waste Management

Dylan Stemwedel

Fresno County  
Alta Sierra Intermediate

Teachers: Debbie Hodge

#### Honorable Mention

### The Day of Two Noons: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in Timekeeping

Emily Palmer

San Diego County  
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean



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**Warrior of the Word: Maxine Hong Kingston's Literary Revolution**

Sophie Bi, Sharon Yitong Qian, Kylee Xiong

Orange County

Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Lianne Linck

**Champion**

**Boeing 707: Jet Setting a New Age of Air Travel**

Adriel Vivar Orozco, Minh Tang, Nina Thong

Los Angeles County

Temple (Roger W.) Intermediate

Teachers: Chuck Diep, Minh Anderson

**Runner-up**

**MSG: Revolutionary Flavor, Seasoned with Bias, Served by Science**

Mirai Huang, Xavier Li, Alina Thai

Los Angeles County

Temple (Roger W.) Intermediate

Teachers: Chuck Diep, Minh Anderson

**Honorable  
Mention**

**The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: Sparking a Revolution in Industrial Safety**

Ariel Williams, Jonathan Wang, Zoe Martinez Acosta

Riverside County

Vista Verde Middle

Teachers: Laurel Lowell, Ryan Bausch



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**The Day Iceland Stood Still: From National Reaction to Global Revolution and Reform**

**Yesha Gupta**

**Orange County**  
**Northwood High School**

Teachers: Deanna Myers

##### Champion

**Griswold v. Connecticut: a Reaction to Resistance, a Precedent for Reforms, and the Foundation of an Equality Revolution**

**Lucy Dolezal**

**Contra Costa County**  
**Monte Vista High**

Teachers: Stephen Brooks

##### Runner-up

**Swing Against the Swastika: How the Jazz Revolution Challenged the Nazi Ideal**

**Vishnu Satyanarayana**

**Contra Costa County**  
**Dougherty Valley High**

Teachers: Andrew Wengel

##### Honorable Mention

**Revolutionary Bodies: Reforming Historical Conceptions of Femininity through Women's Athletics**

**Augusta Chen**

**Santa Clara County**  
**Harker School, The**

Teachers: Byron Stevens



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**The Mann Act: A Living Document of Legal Reform**

Ellie Huynh, Emily Huynh

**Kern County**  
Fruitvale Junior High

Teachers: Aldo Escobar

**Champion**

**Uncle Tom's Cabin: A Societal Revolution, National Reactions, and a War for Reform**

Chelsea Guerrero, Ethan Lundberg, Josie Lopez

**Riverside County**  
Canyon Springs High

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez, Ana Pantoja

**Runner-up**

**Ms. Magazine and the Revolution, Reaction, and Reform of Second-Wave Feminism**

Myra Siddiqi, Addie Vail-Boggio

**San Diego County**  
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean, David Loer

**Honorable  
Mention**

**A Moment for Mendez: Revolution, Reform, and Reaction**

Camila Ramos, Annie Crawford, Niala Canta, Sofia Bisellach

**Los Angeles County**  
El Camino Real Charter High

Teachers: Megan Rayzor



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### Historical Paper

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**The Tulsa Massacre: History Made, Destroyed, and Retold**

**Santiago Joseph**

**Riverside County**  
**Matthew Gage Middle**

Teachers: Ivan Raspudic

**Champion**

**Defying Empire: Korea's Fight For Freedom**

**Andrew Lee**

**Los Angeles County**  
**South Pointe Middle**

Teachers: Eric Shin

**Runner-up**

**The 1969 Santa Barbara Oil Spill: The Blowout that Ignited America's Environmental Movement**

**Anchit Sinha**

**Orange County**  
**Venado Middle School**

Teachers: Hector Gamboa

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Rachel Carson's Silent Spring: Environmental Revolution, Reaction and Reform**

**Huaxin Liu**

**Riverside County**  
**Amelia Earhart Middle**

Teachers: Kent Byer



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### Historical Paper

Senior

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**"We Are Rising": Black American Classicists and the Late Nineteenth-Century Revolution in Greco-Roman Studies**

**Shreyas Karnam**

**Santa Clara County**  
Harker School, The

Teachers: Byron Stevens

**Champion**

**The San Francisco Freeway Revolt: The Seeds of Revolution in Urban Planning**

**Adam Fibrich**

**Alameda County**  
The College Preparatory School

Teachers: Enver Casimir

**Runner-up**

**The Jamkhed Model: How Addressing Religious Traditions in Medicine Led to a Revolutionary Model of Healthcare that Influenced Global Reform Despite Resistance.**

**Siri Chundru**

**Santa Clara County**  
Harker School, The

Teachers: Byron Stevens

**Honorable  
Mention**

**The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in Federal Indian Policy**

**Anirvinyaa Bangole**

**Orange County**  
University High School

Teachers: Jane Koch



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**Threads of Change: Revolution of the Loom, Reaction of the Workers, Reform in Code**

**Aria Yatavelli**

**Orange County**  
**Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Lianne Linck

**Champion**

**Satyagraha: The Non-Violent Revolution, from Gandhi's Hands to King's Dream**

**Akshita Saravana**

**Riverside County**  
**Corona Fundamental Intermediate**

Teachers: Sara Hester, George Wise

**Runner-up**

**A Revolution Without Consent: How the Cells of Henrietta Lacks Reformed Science and Medicine**

**Eliana Lindsay**

**Humboldt County**  
**Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy**

Teachers: Amanda Fisher

**Honorable  
Mention**

**The Price to be Heard: The Rock and Roll Revolution, the Payola Reaction, and the Reform of American Media**

**Sadie Rotz**

**Riverside County**  
**Mission Vista Academy**

Teachers: Summer Davidson



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**Digging for Change: The Ludlow Miners and their Revolutionary Fight for Reforms**

**Mia Berryman, Masia Creamer**

**Orange County**

**Sierra Vista Middle School**

Teachers: Lianne Linck

**Champion**

**The Pink Cross Legacy: The Disappearing Women of Juarez**

**Destiny Bernal, Isabela Cardenas, Lillian Chavez, Aaliyah Tejada, Grace Tiong**

**San Bernardino County**

**Ray Wiltsey Middle**

Teachers: Angela Stephens

**Runner-up**

**Ultimate Sacrifice: Praying for Reform**

**Camila Capunay, Jeremy Castenada, Jorge Encinas-Gaxiola, Emma Hays, Marvin Salvador**

**San Bernardino County**

**Ray Wiltsey Middle**

Teachers: Angela Stephens

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Victoria Woodhull's Testimony to Congress: A Revolution in Suffrage, a Radical Reaction, and the Long Road to Reform**

**Adam Godfrey, Morgan Metzler, Meleane Potasi**

**Fresno County**

**Alta Sierra Intermediate**

Teachers: Debbie Hodge



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**Has New York Many Walking Pesthouses? Revolution, Reaction, and Reform Through the Story of Typhoid Mary**

**Kylee West**

**Orange County**  
**Orange County School of the Arts**

Teachers: Nancy Alcala

##### Champion

**Maîtres Chez Nous: The Quiet Revolution and the Remaking of Quebec's Provincial Society and Identity**

**Monte DuVal**

**San Diego County**  
**Francis Parker School**

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean, Joseph Kurz

##### Runner-up

**Bob Dylan: A Lyrical Revolutionist Who Spurred Reactions and Reformed Expectations**

**Kimiko Kitayama**

**Riverside County**  
**Canyon Springs High**

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez, Autumn Earle-Rodriguez

##### Honorable Mention

**Making Inequality Equal: The Birth of the Public Defender**

**Daisy Luke**

**Los Angeles County**  
**North Hollywood Senior High**

Teachers: Andrew Mishkin



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**Piper Allen, Karrie Rutowicz, Olivia Mergy, Ethan Sandoval**

**Fresno County  
Edison High**

Teachers: Gary Mrkaich

**Champion**

**Marian Anderson's Voice for Liberty: Challenging a Revolution, Igniting a Reaction, and the Reform of Civil Rights**

**Evonne Fangao, Alice Wang, Evangeline Liu**

**San Diego County  
The Cambridge School**

Teachers: Cherie Redelings

**Runner-up**

**The Revolution of the 1917 Women's Food Riots: How Immigrant Women Reacted and Reformed Their Rights**

**Jolie Benoit, Isabella Abiera, Erin Park, Brylee Hsu**

**Orange County  
Orange County School of the Arts**

Teachers: Nancy Alcalá

**Honorable  
Mention**

**Through the Ashes: Frances Perkin's Labor Reform, Revolution, and the Birth of The New Deal**

**Quinn Powell, Adriana Anderson**

**Fresno County  
Buchanan High**

Teachers: Jacob Zahlis



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### Individual Podcast

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**Power to the People: How Initiative, Referendum, and Recall Revolutionized California and Beyond**

**Rex Hutt**

**Los Angeles County**  
**Sierra Madre Middle**

Teachers: Lisabet Nepf

##### Champion

**Rigged for Ratings: The Quiz Show Scandals and the Crisis of Trust in Television**

**Brooklyn Vrilakas**

**Riverside County**  
**Vista Heights Middle**

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez

##### Runner-up

**Mendez Versus Westminster: The Civil Rights Case That Revolutionized America**

**Natalya Benor**

**Riverside County**  
**Clara Barton Elementary**

Teachers: Cherise Leonard, George Wise

##### Honorable Mention

**Burning Waters, Rising Voices: Reaction that Led to Reform and Environmental Revolution Throughout our Nation**

**Katrina Zhang**

**Orange County**  
**Orange County School of the Arts**

Teachers: Nancy Alcala



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

**Vedansh Shetty, Edward Sharp**

**Sacramento County  
Sutter Middle**

Teachers: Jeff Palmrose

##### Champion

**Drawing the Line: Proposition 13 and the California Property Tax Revolution**

**Daniel Lu, Zixin Zhao**

**Orange County  
Rancho San Joaquin Middle School**

Teachers: Aghassi Gharadaghian

##### Runner-up

**Elvis and the Racial Integration of Rock and Roll**

**Daniela Galindo, Heidi Resendiz**

**Monterey County  
Vista Verde Middle**

Teachers: Nicole Hepfl, Matt Garcia

##### Honorable Mention

**Hearts on Fire: Religious Revolution, Colonial Reaction, and Lasting Reform in the First Great Awakening**

**Amiya Suggars, Hannah Calderon**

**Riverside County  
Vista Heights Middle**

Teachers: Aurelio Cortez



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**Saving the Smallest Lives: How Neonatal Units Revolutionized Healthcare**

**Prajna Valipireddy**

**San Diego County**  
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean

#### Champion

**Stanford and the Art of Starting Up: The Military-Industry-University Complex and the Emergence of Silicon Valley**

**Brian Yu**

**Santa Clara County**  
BASIS Independent Silicon Valley

Teachers: Bryan Meyerowitz

#### Runner-up

**From Fright to Fight: The Story of HIV's Medical Revolution**

**Tyler Kim**

**Los Angeles County**  
Diamond Bar High

Teachers: Jared Wu

#### Honorable Mention

**From Nativist Reaction to Political Revolution: The Legacy of Proposition 187 in California**

**Jeshwin Chettiar**

**Orange County**  
Irvine High School

Teachers: Jennifer Harrington



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**Title IX: A Revolution in Sports that Reformed Everything**

Lola Miranda, Paxton Bush, Diana Najera

Fresno County  
Edison High

Teachers: Gary Mrkaich

**Champion**

**Contamination to Regulation: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in the American Meatpacking Industry**

Sarie Kwak, Moksha Kolli

Orange County  
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers

**Runner-up**

**Incomplete Reform: The Not So Revolutionary Exclusion of Black Women from the Feminist Movement**

Anthony Calderon-Amilpa, Diego Falcon Calles, Valentin Ortigoza Leon

Fresno County  
Edison High

Teachers: Gary Mrkaich

**Honorable  
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**John Snow: The Deadly Sip & the Cholera Epidemic**

Angelica Valencia, Maira Imran

San Mateo County  
South San Francisco High

Teachers: Kimberly Chin



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**Faster, Better, Cheaper : How Revolution, Reaction, and Reform Changed Space Exploration**

**Avyaan Jain**

**Kern County**  
Ronald Reagan Elementary

Teachers: Nancy Reynolds

**Champion**

**Irish Crochet Lace: A Revolutionary Textile For A Better Life**

**Abby Shen**

**San Diego County**  
Solana Ranch Elementary

Teachers: Jordan Einbinder

**Runner-up**

**The Aftermath of Pearl Harbor: Japanese American Resistance in Redefining American Identity**

**Khloe Nguyen**

**Riverside County**  
Prado View Elementary

Teachers: Doreen Alt

**Honorable  
Mention**

**If a Tree Falls in a Forest: The Silenced Outcry of the Tiananmen Square Massacre**

**Siddha Patel**

**Kern County**  
Earl Warren Junior High

Teachers: Courtney Gillson



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### Howling At Moloch: A Revolutionary Cry Against Postwar America

Anita Ma, Quan Lo, Honbria Hung

Los Angeles County  
Temple (Roger W.) Intermediate

Teachers: Chuck Diep, Minh Anderson

#### Champion

### From War to Wellness: How the Crimean War Lit the Way for Modern Nursing

Maris Page, Audrey Rademaker

San Diego County  
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean

#### Runner-up

### Women's Rights in Fashion: Reactions and Reforms to Gabrielle Coco Chanel's Industrial Revolution

Jane Seo, Diya Balaji

Orange County  
Sierra Vista Middle School

Teachers: Lianne Linck

#### Honorable Mention

### The Blue Box: How Kraft Mac and Cheese Revolutionized American Lifestyle and Diets

Sid Sampath, Ellie Ho, Cadence Rowden

San Diego County  
Solana Ranch Elementary

Teachers: Jordan Einbinder



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**The Revolutionary Community in Sugar Hill, Los Angeles, and the Uneven Road to Fair Housing**

Chloe Boston

Los Angeles County  
Van Nuys Senior High

Teachers: Aditi Mehta Doshi

##### Champion

**"We Hold the Rock!": The 1969 Occupation of Alcatraz and Native American Resistance**

Ariel Liu

Contra Costa County  
Dougherty Valley High

Teachers: Andrew Wengel

##### Runner-up

**The Quit India Movement: Wartime Press Freedoms, Religious Polarization, and India's Independence**

Jayati Babla

San Diego County  
Francis Parker School

Teachers: Mary Ong-Dean, Joseph Kurz

##### Honorable Mention

**The 'Save Our State' Initiative: How Proposition 187 Revolutionized the Fight for Immigrant Rights**

Liliana Lee

Los Angeles County  
Diamond Bar High

Teachers: Jared Wu



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**When Liberal Internationalism Wins: South African Protests Drew in American-Led Moral Reaction to Reform South Africa's Apartheid State**

Aaron D'Souza, Joseph Sung, Nathan Lee, Alexander Zhu

**San Diego County**  
The Cambridge School

Teachers: Cherie Redelings

##### Champion

**A Beep in the Sky, A Revolution Below: The Sputnik Crisis and the Reformation of American Education**

Annie Kwak, Carson Lv, Aadhi Suresh

**Orange County**  
Northwood High School

Teachers: Deanna Myers

##### Runner-up

**Rogue Elephants: How the Church Committee Caused Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in American Intelligence**

Ashley Kim, Joshua Noh

**Orange County**  
Orange County School of the Arts

Teachers: Nancy Alcala

##### Honorable Mention

**Americans with Disabilities Act: Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in Disability Rights**

Rex Goldstone, Andrew Chen, Jai Yadav

**Alameda County**  
Washington High

Teachers: Lauren Morales