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18th Annual East Tennessee History Day to showcase student performances, exhibits, documentaries on March 1 for a chance at state and national competition

WHO: 324 middle and high school students representing 28 schools in East Tennessee public school systems from Anderson, Blount, Cumberland, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Scott, and Sevier Counties plus a number of private and home schools in the area to compete in 2019 East Tennessee History Day. The event is hosted by the [East Tennessee Historical Society](#) and the [University of Tennessee Department of History](#).

WHAT: [The 18th annual East Tennessee History Day Competition](#) features student historical research, knowledge, and creativity through history-themed projects in a variety of formats, including museum-style exhibits, papers, websites, documentaries, and live performances. The 2019 National History Day theme is ***Triumph and Tragedy in History***. District winners will move on to [Tennessee History Day](#) in Nashville on Saturday, April 13, 2019, and state winners then compete in the National History Day competition in June at the University of Maryland in College Park.

WHEN: Friday, March 1, 2019 – UTK Student Union, Cumberland Avenue Entrance (Levels 1, 2, and 3) –

Welcome Ceremony: 9:15 - 10 a.m. – Auditorium, Level 1

Student Competitions: 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Levels 2 and 3

Awards Ceremony: 2:15 p.m. – Auditorium, Level 1

WHERE: University of Tennessee Knoxville Student Union Building, Cumberland Avenue Entrance

[About National History Day Competition:](#)

Every year National History Day® frames students' research within a historical theme. The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national, or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past. The 2018-2019 theme is *Triumph & Tragedy in History*.

Students in grades 6-12 are asked to research topics related to the theme. Examples related to the theme can be found almost anywhere—in the military, politics, government, communities, social movements, or in fields such as science, the arts, education, religion and economics. Inspirations can come from most any place including local history, textbooks, recent headlines, TV shows or even Twitter. Students must share their findings in one of five categories—exhibits, performances, papers, documentaries, and websites.

A performance entry would require students to research a topic, write the script for the play, design costumes and props, and perform the parts. For documentaries, students research the topic, design or film the scenes and interviews, and write the script. Many students choose the exhibit category and illustrate their topics with colorful storyboards.

About East Tennessee Historical Society

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged to be one of the most active history organizations in the Southeast, and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 185 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage -recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

The historical society pursues its education mission through publications, lectures, conferences, school programs, museum exhibits, and heritage programs such as the popular First Families of Tennessee and the new Civil War Families of Tennessee. The East Tennessee History Center houses the staff and programs of the East Tennessee Historical Society, the Museum of East Tennessee History, the Calvin M. McClung Collection and the Knox County Archives. For more information visit the website at www.eastTNhistory.org