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News Release

[**School Name**] History Day

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Students Explore History at
[**School**] History Day Contest

[**City, date**]-[**School name**] New York State History Day, a competition which annually involves numerous teachers and students throughout the state will be held locally at [**School**] on [**Date**]. The theme for this year's contest is [**Annual Theme**].

After working on their entries for many months, students will present their projects at the school contest in order to advance to the regional competition coming up on [**Date**] in [**Location of Regional**]. The top winners from the Regional Competition will move on to New York State History Day in Cooperstown, New York on [**Date**].

National History Day is the nation's leading program for history education in schools. The program annually engages over 2 million people in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Students research history topics of their choice related to an annual theme and create exhibits, documentaries, performances and papers, which they may enter in competitions at the district, state, and national levels. Students in grade 6-8 compete in the Junior Divisions and those in grades 9-12 compete in the Senior Division. National History Day also provides educational services to students and teachers, including a summer internship program, curricular materials, Internet resources, and annual teacher workshops and training institutes.

A diverse range of entries will mark this year's school contest, including performances on [**fill in**], an exhibit highlighting [**fill in**] and documentaries about [**fill in**]. Students from [**town name or names**] will bring a wide range of additional topics to the competition.

The school coordinator for [**School name**] History Day is [**name and title**]. To learn more about [**School name**] History Day, contact [**him/her**] at [**phone number or email**]. For more information about New York State History Day, contact the State Coordinator at (888) 547-1450 ext 534 or visit the New York State History Day website at nyshistoryday@nysha.org.

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