



Connecticut Historical Society museum



Connecticut History Topics – Triumph and Tragedy in History

The following list provides *examples* of Connecticut history topics related to this year's theme. The list is not inclusive and the titles are not meant to be used word-for-word, but are intended to provide a starting point for students and teachers to brainstorm ideas for their History Day projects. Choosing one of the topics or titles below will not increase or decrease a student's chance of doing well at a District, State, or National History Day Contest.

The Tragedy of the Hartford Circus Fire of 1944
Ella Grasso: Her Triumphant Election as Connecticut's First Woman Governor and Her Tragic Death
The Legend of the Charter Oak: A Symbolic Triumph Over Tyranny
Triumph and Tragedy in the 1888 Blizzard
Triumph and Tragedy in the 1936 Flood
Triumph and Tragedy in the 1938 Hurricane
Triumph and Tragedy in the 1944 Hurricane
Triumph and Tragedy in the 1955 Floods
Prudence Crandall: Triumph of Conviction Over the Tragedy of the Black Law
The Amistad Africans: Triumphant Over the Tragedy of the Slave Trade
Roger Sherman Baldwin: A Connecticut Lawyer Triumphs Over the Federal Government
Triumph and Tragedy: The Pequot War of 1636-1638
1968 Riots in Hartford: Citizens Respond to the Tragic Death of Martin Luther King Jr.
Triumph and Tragedy: The British Burn New London and Fort Griswold
Benedict Arnold: The Triumph of Victory and Tragedy of Betrayal
Triumph and Tragedy: King Phillip's War
Alice Cogswell & the American School for the Deaf: An Illness Leads to Triumph for the Hearing Impaired.
Lydia Sigourney: Exploring Triumph and Tragedy Through Poetry
The Triumphs and Tragedies of P.T. Barnum's Museum
Samuel Colt: Technological Innovation Helps the North Triumph in the Civil War
Elizabeth Colt: Economic Triumph over the Colt Factory Fire of 1864
Nathan Hale: the Triumph of Loyalty in the Face of Death
Israel Putnam: Triumph at the Battle of Bunker Hill
The Connecticut Compromise Triumphs Over a Constitutional Deadlock
The Dutch House of Hope: a Triumph for the Fur Trade
Fundamental Orders: a Triumph for Early Democracy
Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company: Technology and Industry Help the Allies Triumph in World War II
Saving the Old State House: a Triumph for Historical Preservationists
A Connecticut Soldier's Civil War Letters: Writing Home About the Triumphs and Tragedies of War
Horace Wells: A Life Triumphant in Medical Innovation and Tragic in Personal Consequences
The Work of Horace Bushnell: a Triumph for Public Parks
Hannah Watson Saves the Connecticut Courant: a Triumph Amid Personal Tragedy
Isabella Beecher Hooker: How Her Property Bill Was a Triumph for Women's Rights

Resource:

Connecticut Disasters: True Stories of Tragedy and Survival by Ellsworth Grant