

# Triumph and Tragedy in History

Take inspiration for your 2019 History Day project from the Chesapeake Bay! Many of these topics can be researched at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

## Colonial and Revolutionary Era

- Roanoke Colony of Virginia
- Religious freedom and Quaker settlement in Talbot and Caroline Counties
- St. Mary's City and religious toleration
- *Peggy Stewart* and the Annapolis Tea Party
- Indentured servitude in the early colonial era

## Early National and Antebellum Era

- Chesapeake Bay shad fishery
- Formation of Washington, D.C.
- Francis Scott Key, Fort McHenry, and "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- Slavery and the War of 1812
- The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
- Samuel F.B. Morse and the invention of the telegraph
- Frederick Douglass and the abolitionist movement
- Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

## Civil War and Reconstruction

- Joint Resolution 80 (1861), an attempt to prevent the Civil War
- Abraham Lincoln, John Merryman, and the writ of *habeus corpus*
- Confederate ransom of Maryland towns
- Maryland, the 15th Amendment, and Baltimore's celebration
- Oyster fishery in the Chesapeake Bay
- Battle of the Chester River and the Oyster Wars
- Waterfowl hunting and the era of the "Outlaw gunner"

## Gilded Age to World War II

- Downtown Baltimore destroyed by fire (1904)
- Chesapeake and Ohio Canal
- "Blue Baby" operation developed at John Hopkins University (1944)
- Women's munitions workers at Triumph Explosives in Cecil Co.
- The poultry industry and the transformation of Delmarva agriculture
- Coulbourne and Jewett Seafood Packing Company, St. Michaels, MD
- Decommissioning and preservation of lighthouses in the Chesapeake Bay

## Civil Rights Movement/ Vietnam War to the Present

- Thurgood Marshall, the University of Maryland, and *Murray v. Pearson*
- William Preston Lane, Jr. and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge
- Bronza Parks
- Rachel Carson, Silent Spring, and the environmental movement
- Desegregation of public school systems throughout Maryland
- Gloria Richardson, the Cambridge Movement, and the riots of 1963 and 1967
- The land loss and restoration of Poplar Island
- Striped Bass (rockfish) fishery in the Chesapeake Bay

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