

Taking a Stand in History

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

Colonialization, the Revolution, and the Early Nation

- Maryland Toleration Act (1649)
- Battle of the Severn (1655)
- Slavery and the War of 1812/The Halifax List
- Frederick Douglass and the Abolitionist Movement (1840s to 1860s)
- Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad (1849 to 1860s)

Civil War and Reconstruction

- Benjamin F. Butler
- 7th US Colored Troops and the formation of Unionville
- The Oyster Wars and the creation of the Maryland Oyster Navy (Hunter Davidson, Governor William E. Cameron, and Thomas C.B. Howard)
- Anti-segregation transportation court cases such as Josephine Carr and the steamboat *Chester* (1872), the Stewart sisters and *The Sue* (1885), and *McGuinn v. Forbes* (1889)

Gilded Age and Progressive Era

- William K. Brooks and *The Oyster* (1891)
- Howard Haman and the Haman Oyster Culture Act (1906)
- Pure Food and Drug Act (1906) and sanitation in oyster packing houses
- Market Gunning and Sport Shooting

World War I, The Great Depression, and World War II

- Dr R.V. Truitt (1927), founder of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory
- Waterfowl conservation, the 'outlaw' gunner, and the birth of the conservation hunter
- Burning of the Steamboat City of Baltimore and the Copeland Safety-at-Sea Act (1937)
- William Preston Lane, Jr. and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge
- Rachel Carson

Civil Rights Movement to the Present

- Gloria Richardson and the Cambridge Movement (1962)
- Ruth Starr Rose, Advocating for Racial Respect through Art
- Arthur Sherwood and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (1967)
- The Clean Water Act (1972)
- The Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983
- Helen Delich Bentley and the Port of Baltimore
- Barbara Mikulski and Historic Preservation in Fells Point and Federal Hill
- Oyster disease, oyster farms, and the development of oyster sanctuaries in the Chesapeake Bay

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