# National History Day

With the theme of Turning Points for this year’s History Day, here a menu filled with turning point items you can choose from!

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## Menu

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Selections



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| Appetizers – Local History |
| The items in this category relate to Manchester and the surrounding areas. These topics are exclusive and unique. |
| Cheney Mills | 1838 |
| This mill was the world’s largest silk mill. The opening of it and the closing are both turning points for local history. |
| Charter Oak | 1687 |
| It’s on the quarter! Connecticut’s Royal Charter was hidden in the Oak in 1687 to prevent the British King from power. |
| Mark Twain | 1835 |
| He was a prolific writer who penned many very influential books and was a celebrated American icon. |
| Hartford Convention | 1814 |
| New England Federalists met to discuss their opposition to the War of 1812 and considered secession.  |
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| Soups - State History |
| The state of Connecticut has a very long and interesting history. These topics deal with Connecticut and frequently allow you access to primary sources. |
| Amistad Mutiny | 1839 |
| Slave ship that was taken over by slaves on board and the slaves were arrested and tried after landing in Connecticut. |
| Settling of Connecticut | 1636 |
| Connecticut was settled by a variety of groups led by John Winthrop, Thomas Hooker, John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton. |
| Prudence Crandall | 1833 |
| She operated a school and allowed an African-American student in 1833, which is considered the first integrated school in the US.  |

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| Salads - Northeastern History |
| The Northeast is the oldest region in the United States and has a very rich and colorful history. |
| Lexington and Concord | 1775 |
| “The shot heard ‘round the world.” These two events sparked the American Revolution. |
| Seneca Falls Convention | 1848 |
| This was the first time American women met to discuss their rights and the ideas women’s suffrage and rights. |
| Albany Conference | 1754 |
| Colonists talked about Indian tribe relations and the defense against the ever intrusive French. |
| Whaling |  1846 |
| Many shore towns had an economy dependent on whaling for a very long time. |
| Patriarca Family | 1916 |
| It was the family that brought organized crime to New England along with connections to several power mafias. |
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| Sandwiches – East Coast |
| The East Coasts the original United States; for a long time, the East Coast was the only coast.  |
| Battle of Gettysburg | 1863 |
| This was a major battle during the Civil War that set the stage for the remaining years of the war after a decisive victory for one side. |
| Articles of Confederation | 1777 |
| This was the basis for the American government for a decade after the end of the American Revolution. |
| Roanoke  | 1588 |
| This was one of the first English settlements of the New World and began the movement of colonization by English colonists. |

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| Entrees – National History |
| This section represents the history of the United States. United States history is complex and interesting. |
| Louisiana Purchase | 1803 |
| It was a land expansion purchase that paved the way for America to begin its growth to the Pacific Ocean. |
| 9/11 | 2001 |
| This tragedy substantiated the actions of the United States during the early years of the 21st Century. |
| Trail of Tears | 1831  |
| By banning Native Americans from the lands of the United States, Americans began their quest on conquering ALL Native American land in the west. |
| **Transcontinental Railroad** 1869This feat of engineering and technology united the nation east to west after the Civil War divided the nation between north and south. |
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| Desserts - International |
| International history is a complicated intertwining of events from various groups from around the world. |
| NAFTA | 1994 |
| Mexico, Canada, and the US were now able to trade with each other and share investments. |
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| Arms Race | 1957 |
| The United States began to make efforts to compete with the Soviets and revolutionize space exploration and space programs. |

  