

# Conflict and Compromise in History

Take inspiration for your 2018 History Day project from the Chesapeake Bay! Many of these topics can be researched at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

## Colonial and Revolutionary Era

- William Claiborne, the Calverts, and the dispute over Kent Island
- Anglo-Powhatan Wars
- Maryland Toleration Act (1649)
- *Peggy Stewart* and the Annapolis Tea Party
- The tobacco industry in the Chesapeake

## Early National and Antebellum Era

- Mount Vernon Conference (1785)
- Compromise of 1790
- *Chesapeake-Leopard* affair and the Embargo of 1807
- Emancipation of Maryland and Virginia slaves by the British during the War of 1812
- William Pinkney (politician, lawyer and diplomat)
- Richard Allen, Absalom Jones, Daniel Coker, and the formation of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church (1816)
- Mason-Dixon Line
- Charles Ball and *Fifty Years in Chains; or, The Life of an American Slave* (1836)
- 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
- The Oyster Wars, Maryland Oyster Navy, and enforcement against illegal dredging
- Creation of the Maryland State Flag (1880-1904)

## Gilded Age to World War II

- The Maryland Workmen's Compensation Act (1902), *Franklin v. The United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore* (1904), and the evolution of workers' compensation laws
- *Myers v. Anderson* (1915)
- Conowingo Dam (1928)
- William Preston Lane, Jr. and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge
- Rachel Carson and the environmental movement
- The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, waterfowl conservation, the 'outlaw' gunner, and the birth of the conservation hunter
- Crab pickers and packinghouse workers and the strikes of the 1930s

## Civil Rights Movement/ Vietnam War to the Present

- Gloria Richardson, the Cambridge Movement, and riots of 1963 and 1967
- *Morgan v. Virginia* (1946)
- *Calvert Cliffs Coordinating Committee, Inc. v. Atomic Energy Commission* (1971) and the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant
- The Clean Water Act (1972)
- Chesapeake Bay Commission (1980)
- The Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983 and the struggle to restore the bay's health
- Fishing rights, environmentalism, and the establishment of oyster sanctuaries
- Enactment of Right-to-Farm legislation
- Wye River Memorandum (1998)
- The land loss and restoration of Poplar Island

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