Breaking Barriers in History

Take inspiration for your 2020 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
- Maryland Toleration Act (1649)
- *Peggy Stewart* and the Annapolis Tea Party
- The tobacco industry in the Chesapeake
- Battle of the Severn

**Early National and Antebellum Era**
- 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
- The Stewart sisters and *The Sue* (1885)
- Josephine Carr and the steamboat *Chester*

**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
- Gustav Brunn and the history of Old Bay
- *Myers v. Anderson* (1915)
- William Preston Lane, Jr. and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge
- Rachel Carson and the environmental movement
- Crab pickers, packinghouse workers and the strikes of the 1930s
- Ruth Starr Rose, advocating for racial respect through art

**Civil Rights Movement/Vietnam War to the Present**
- Gloria Richardson, the Cambridge Movement, and riots of 1963 and 1967
- *Morgan v. Virginia* (1946)
- The Clean Water Act (1972)
- Helen Delich Bentley and the Port of Baltimore
- Barbara Mikulski and Historic Preservation in Fells Point and Federal Hill
- Chesapeake Bay Commission (1980)
- Waterwomen and women’s roles in harvesting the Bay’s seafood

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