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On Saturday, March 26, 2011, Dale Maxwell, social studies teacher at Coventry High School, served as a judge for the History Day district contest at Mansfield Middle School. Ms. Maxwell judged the Junior Website Division, assisting in selecting three finalists who progressed to the state level competition on April 30, 2011 in Hartford.

The theme, Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences, is important because historical research requires more than a detailed description of an event. The theme helps students ask questions and think deeply about topics or issues. Middle and high school teachers from across Connecticut, and even some from Massachusetts, volunteer their time to interview student participants and evaluate entries. The entries in the Junior Division, created by students in grades 6 through 8, included categories ranging from exhibits, to documentaries, to the most recent addition, websites. The Connecticut Historical Society is a Co-sponsor of History Day.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please call Dale Maxwell at Coventry High School at 860-742-7346, Ext. 564.