

Report of the Danish History Competition round 2013/2014

The topic of this year's Danish History Competition was "The Crucial Moment". Approximately eighty students from twelve different high schools sent in thirty-five entries. These entries were of a very high standard. Many of them were both creative and interactive and took the format of board game, Facebook page or home page.

The topics were varied and ranged from the Danish Vikings, Columbus, the French Revolution and the discovery of penicillin to the history of the internet and the role of Edward Snowden in the current U.S. surveillance scandal.

Thirteen entries made it to a short list and were examined by a jury led by the historian and author Rasmus Dahlberg. First prize went to Anne Katrine Schott from Fredericia for her science-fiction novel about oil and energy policy. In it she describes the consequences of oil running out suddenly in the year 2024 with fatal effects on the world including the start of a new ice age. Second prize went to three students from Rysensteen High School in Copenhagen which also produced the winners of last year's competition. They created an impressive interactive home page dealing with Danish foreign policy since 1945. This home page can be used as a high quality source for teaching purposes. The third prize of this competition was awarded to two students from Nykøbing/Falster for their Facebook page which deals with the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The award ceremony was held on 19 June, 2014 in the Danish Parliament. The ceremony was hosted by the new Danish patron Mogens Lykketoft who is the Speaker of the Danish Parliament.