



History Slam

2023 Featured Event

Developed by: Revolutionary Spaces

Planning on hosting this event at your organization?
Be sure to let Nia Mosby know so we can feature it! nia@historymadebyus.org

Program Title: Changemakers: A History Slam

Description: History Slams are community-sourced flash presentation competitions. A theme is provided ("Changemakers under 30," "Haunted History," etc.), and participants must choose a historical event or person to illuminate that theme. The audience is encouraged to cheer, and we host fun historical trivia between each "slam" presentation.

Event format: Poetry Slam

Duration: 120 minutes

Delivery: In-person

of People served: 100

Internal Information

Staff to Involve:

- (1) Public Programs Lead
- (5) Staff members

Staff needs for Day of Program:

- (1) Staff member to host the slam
- (1) Staff member to run the presentation
- (1) Staff member to run music
- (1) Staff member for registration

- (1) Staff member running the bar

Budget total: \$500

Materials:

- Projector & Screen
- Computer with presentations loaded
- Laser pointer with a clicker for presentations
- Trivia questions
- Labeled voting boxes
- Voting tickets

Public Program Information

Recommended ticket price: FREE | \$5 drink ticket

Program Outline:

- Participants must choose a historical event or person to illuminate the chosen theme.
- Participants prepare a presentation with at most ten slides and present in five minutes.
- At the end of the presentations, audience members perform their civic duty by voting for the presentation which best illustrates the prompt. The winner gets a fun prize.

Program Resources:

- [Handout for 36 Questions for Civic Love](#) developed by National Public Housing Museum
- [Questions created by 2022 Youth Participants](#)

What works about this event?: This program was great fun - many people returned to the second slam who attended the first! We are adding this to our rotation of modalities. We had the "Slammers" send us their presentations the day before and loaded them on a master presentation, and inserted the trivia in between.

Pro-tip: Have the "Slammers" send in their presentations the day before and load them on a master presentation.

Marketing blurb: "Party at Old South Meeting House!"

– Benjamin Franklin
(probably)

Join Revolutionary Spaces for its first-ever History Slam – a night full of raucous history presentations (we dare you!), music, drinks, and snacks... and a little friendly competition!

Are you a historian or student of history (or just like talking about history, 'cause that is totally cool, too)? Sign up to rock it out onstage!

We challenge our historians to up their game for the prize of an adoring crowd and bottle of a fine, fine nightcap. The gauntlet: a bombastic, five minute talk with ten slides, showcasing an American Changemaker under the age of 30. The audience will exercise their civic responsibility and vote for their favorite historian or hero.

Of course, it's not a real party without somebody playing a guitar ("Anyway, here's 'The Liberty Song'"), so come for the history and stay for the music. Beer, soda, and excellent snacks will also be available. When else do you get to party in an 18th century meeting house?

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