

American History



The purpose of the American History Committee is to promote American history throughout the year by honoring significant historical people, places, dates, and events. It does this in several ways.

The committee sponsors the American History Essay Contest for grades 5-8. The committee also sponsors the Patriots of the American Revolution DAR High School Essay Contest for grades 9-12.

In many instances, the essay contest provides an additional opportunity for teachers to reach out beyond their existing curriculum.

These contests are broken into three categories:

American History Essay Contest, for grades 5-8

Patriots of the American Revolution Essay, for grades 9-12

American History Video Contest, for grades 5-12

New topics for both essays are selected each year. Students will usually write an essay in first person from the perspective of someone who participated in the war for American Independence.

The video contest will have the same theme as the American History Essay Contest in the Grade 5-8 category. Entries will be accepted in four categories; Grades 5/6, Grades 7/8, Grades 9/10 and Grades 11/12. Videos are limited to a maximum 3 minutes in length. Two students in the same grade pair can enter together. Students have liberty to be creative with costuming, props, etc.

Local DAR chapters help facilitate these contests. If you have not already heard from a local DAR chapter, one of our representatives can help you locate the one nearest you. Contest winners are announced at the Indiana DAR State Conference at a special awards banquet in the spring.

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