



Rise and Shine for America

**Are you in 5th through 8th grade?
You're invited to participate in an**

Essay Contest

Topic for 2020-2021

March 5, 2020 marks the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, considered to be a pivotal event that paved the way to the American Revolution. Imagine you are living in Boston and, after witnessing the event of March 5, describe your family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing the Colonists against the British King and Parliament.

Title of Essay

“The Boston Massacre”

Open to Grades 5-8

Length 300-1,000 words (depending on grade level)

For information contact:

DAR chapter Jose Maria Amador

Contact Caryl Glavan, American History Chair, 1996 Taboada Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588

Phone (925) 963-2858 E-mail clg.grv@comcast.net

DAR American History Essay Contest Checklist

✓	Element	<i>Here are tips to make sure your essay qualifies:</i>		
	Word Count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th grade: 300 – 600 words • 6th to 8th grades: 600 – 1,000 words • Title page and bibliography are not included in the word count • Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics or other additions will not be considered and should not be included 		
	Font	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwritten or typed in <u>black ink only</u> • If typed, 12-14 pt. font only, no script font • <i>Make sure auto-format does not change font color for internet links, URL addresses or email addresses, etc. to another color; black ink only</i> 		
	Title Page	<p>Your essay must have a title page listing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title of Essay: “The Boston Massacre” (A subtitle is permitted if written below the topic.) • Student’s full name and address. (street, rural route, PO Box, city, state, zip code) Note: If the school’s regulations prohibit providing the student contact information, then school contact information may be substituted. • Student’s phone number (with area code) and e-mail address, if available • Name of student’s school with grade level indicated • Name of sponsoring DAR chapter • Number of words in essay <p>Example:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>The Boston Massacre</p> <p>Jane Doe 123 Main Street Pleasanton, California 94588 925-555-5555 janedoe@gmail.com Alisal Elementary School Grade 5 Jose Maria Amador Chapter 600 words</p> </div>		
	Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include all the information so a reader can look it up • <i>If adding an internet address, make sure auto-correct does not change the font to blue or another color. Only black font is allowed.</i> • The bibliography is not part of the word count so it is best to have it on a separate page 		
	Judging	<p>Judging will be based on:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical accuracy • Adherence to the topic • Spelling, grammar, punctuation • Evident that it is the student’s own work </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-left: 20px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of material • Interest and originality • Neatness </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical accuracy • Adherence to the topic • Spelling, grammar, punctuation • Evident that it is the student’s own work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of material • Interest and originality • Neatness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical accuracy • Adherence to the topic • Spelling, grammar, punctuation • Evident that it is the student’s own work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of material • Interest and originality • Neatness 			
	Due Date October 25th	<p>Caryl Glavan, American History Chair Jose Maria Amador Chapter, NSDAR 1996 Taboada Lane Pleasanton, CA 94588 EMAIL: clg.grv@comcast.net PHONE: 925-963-2858</p>		
	Prizes	Our chapter will award \$100 to the winner in each grade level.		