

EJI Lee County Racial Justice Essay Contest Student Checklist

<https://tinyurl.com/LeeCountyEssayContest>

Essay Prompt: A myth of Black inferiority and white supremacy was developed to justify slavery in the United States. Even though we ended chattel slavery, we did not end the myth of racial difference. EJI believes we need a new era of truth and justice that starts with confronting our history of racial injustice. Based on the theme or topic and historical event you selected, how does the history of racial injustice help to explain present-day injustice in our society? How can this history be overcome in order to change the challenges our nation is facing today?

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2021

Steps to Take:

- Attend initial information session on March 8th or March 16th at 5 pm CST. (Meeting recordings will be available on [Lee County Remembrance Project website](#)).
 - o [Informational Session Zoom Link](#)
- Complete [Google Form](#) to show interest in participating in the contest.
- Review possible research topics on the EJI Racial Justice Essay Contest [website](#).
- Decide essay topic.
- Attend research workshop and local oral history panel.
 - o Dates to be announced at informational sessions.
- Create an outline of your research and essay structure.
 - o There are many helpful writing resources on the [Tips for Students](#) section of the contest website.
- Write a rough draft of the essay.
- Attend a writing workshop.
 - o Dates to be announced at the informational sessions and on Lee County Remembrance Project social media.
- Have a peer or mentor read your essay and provide feedback.
- Edit paper.
- Submit final essay by May 1st using this [form](#).

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- LCRP social media accounts
 - o [Facebook](#)
 - o [Twitter](#)
 - o Instagram @leecountyremembrance