

**Subject: American History Essay Contest – 2020-2021**

Dear Nassau County Schools Personnel:

Greetings! My name is Amelia Phillips. I am the American History Chairman of the Amelia Island Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). I am writing to invite your school to participate in our annual American History Essay Contest.

This essay contest is open to students in 5th through 8th grades. A first place and a runner-up award are given to one student at each grade level. Each first place winner receives cash prizes. All winners and runner-ups receive a certificate. Winners, runner-ups, and their families will be invited to be recognized at our annual Awards Ceremony in April 2021, pending COVID restrictions.

Topic: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> 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 events of March 5<sup>th</sup>, describe your family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British King and Parliament.

The title of the essay that must appear on the title page is: "The Boston Massacre." I have included in this information packet a sample title page. Unfortunately, we have had to disqualify some excellent essays in the past because the title page was incorrect. I would hate to see that continue to happen, so your students are encouraged to look at this title page as a guide for their own. Again, it is VERY IMPORTANT that the title page be exactly as the sample provided.

Essays that exceed the maximum number of words are also disqualified. Children are encouraged to use the word count of their computer's word processor. "A," "an," and "the" are considered words for the word count, and dates are considered one word.

Teachers are urged to help students with their essays and encourage correct grammar, spelling and punctuation. Essays are due by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

I look forward to reading some fantastic essays this year. I hope to see a large amount of participation. If there is anything that you need, please contact me. My email address is [aphillips812@att.net](mailto:aphillips812@att.net) and my phone number is 904-556-2130

Sincerely,

Amelia Phillips

Amelia Island Daughters of the American Revolution

**Deadlines**

Essays must be submitted to the AIDAR by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. They can be mailed to

101 N 15<sup>th</sup> Street

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

For Students: (Please give this letter and title page example form to students)

Each year the Amelia Island Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has an Essay Contest which incorporates a topic relating to America and its fight for independence. The contest is judged by members of our chapter and awards are given for each grade level winner. Please consider writing for this year's contest.

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Have an excellent school year!

Sincerely,

Amelia Phillips

Amelia Island Daughters of the American Revolution

Sample Title Page:

The Boston Massacre

Your Full Name

Your Street Address

Your City, State, ZIP

Your phone number, including area code

Your email address

Your School's Name

Your grade level

Amelia Island Chapter NSDAR

Number of words in essay