

The Modesto Bee

Proudly Presents

American Heritage Scholarship Series



2010 STUDENT ESSAY PACKET

The American Heritage Scholarship Series seeks to increase our understanding of what it means to be an American. Unlike other nations, the essence of American nationality has little to do with our country of origin or the specifics of our religious faith. While the American spirit embraces such diversity, what unites us as a people is a shared set of principles and ideals which proclaim our freedoms and set forth our responsibilities.

Christopher Warren, Fresno State and UC Berkeley Law School graduate and Morgan Crinklaw, UOP graduate (Orestimba High School graduates) will present the pros and cons of requiring all Americans to do one year of national service.

Community members are welcome to attend the presentation.

High school juniors and seniors throughout Stanislaus County are invited to participate in an essay competition based on the contents of the lecture and readings.

PRESENTATION:

October 7, 2010

7:00 PM

Martin G. Petersen Event Center
720 12th Street, Modesto

Co-sponsored by:

Modesto City Schools
Stanislaus County Office of Education





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Entry # _____
(leave blank)

Essay Application Form

(Please print clearly or type your information on this form. The form must be completed and submitted with essay.)

Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____
(Street)

_____ (City) _____ (Zip)

Home Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

ESSAY TITLE: _____

I declare that this essay is my original work, and give permission for it to be reprinted and used for educational/promotional purposes related to the American Heritage Project:

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Consent:

I _____ consent for my son/daughter
(parent/guardian)

to participate in the American Heritage Essay Scholarship Competition, and authorize the sponsors to reprint my son/daughter's essay, to photograph and videotape my son/daughter, and to reproduce my son/daughter's essay and the photographs and videotapes for publicity and/or educational/promotional purposes related to the American Heritage Project.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Entries must be postmarked by October 29, 2010 or hand-delivered to the Stanislaus County Office of Education (Administration Office), 1100 H Street, Modesto, CA 95354 no later than 5:00 pm on October 29, 2010.

2010 ESSAY CONTEST RULES



Failure to follow any of the rules below will result in automatic disqualification.

1. The American Heritage Essay Scholarship Competition is open to all 11th and 12th grade students attending any public, private, or home school in Stanislaus County.
2. All participants are expected to attend the presentation or view the presentation online. **The presentation will take place on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at Martin G. Petersen Event Center (720 12th Street, Modesto), beginning at 7:00 PM.**
3. Students are to support their response to the essay prompt by:
 1. Using their knowledge of US History and government
 2. Comments from Morgan Crinklaw and Christopher Warren
 3. Minimum of four sources (no encyclopedias or wikipedia)
4. Submit ONE copy of your essay. The essay must be either typewritten or word-processed or equivalent. It must be double-spaced using one side of white paper (8-1/2 x 11 inches). Number the pages consecutively.
5. The maximum number of words is 2,000. Type font must be 12 pt., black ink, no script fonts.
6. The completed application form must accompany the essay. **The student's name must NOT appear anywhere on the essay itself, only on the application form.**
7. You must identify and cite comments from **Morgan Crinklaw and Christopher Warren** and a **minimum of four sources within the body of your essay**. All ideas not your own must be attributed to their source. Underline the citation of the sources in your essay.
8. Attach a bibliography, or a works cited page at the end of your essay. Refer to the page titled, "Documentation of Sources and a Sample Bibliography" included in the "Student Essay Packet" for detailed guidance on documentation of sources.

FAILURE TO IDENTIFY OR CITE SOURCES AND ATTACH A WORKS CITED PAGE WILL RESULTS IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

9. Students must do their own work. Teachers and others may provide general feedback and direction but must refrain from editing a student's work.
10. The program sponsors reserve the right to reprint entries. Entries will not be returned.
11. **Entries can be mailed or hand-delivered.**

All hand-delivered entries must be received at the Stanislaus County Office of Education (Superintendent's Office – 2nd Floor), 1100 H Street, Modesto, CA 95354, no later than **5:00 pm on October 29, 2010**. Entries mailed to the County Office must be **postmarked by October 29, 2010**.

ESSAY JUDGING:

A distinguished group of local educators, writers, community leaders, and representatives from the legal community will judge the essays. Judging guidelines include:

Focus, Scope, Organization and Development (80%)

- addresses the topic and all aspects of the task
- organized clearly and consistently based on a central purpose
- provides substantial and specific evidence to support positions

Language, Style and Conventions (20%)

- demonstrates well-constructed sentence structure
- demonstrates precise word choice
- free of errors in grammar, usage, spelling, and punctuation

Scholarships and Awards (based on available funding):

One \$2000 scholarship
 Two \$1500 scholarships
 Two \$1000 scholarships
 Four..... \$ 500 scholarships
 Ten..... \$ 100 cash awards

Notification of Winners:

Winners will be notified November 19, 2010.

An awards ceremony will be held Thursday, December 2, 2010, at the Stanislaus County Office of Education, 1100 H Street, Modesto, CA, at 7:00 pm.

Additional Information:

Contact: Stanislaus County Office of Education – 238-1700.

TIMELINE	
October 7, 2010 (7:00 PM)	Morgan Crinklaw and Christopher Warren Presentation at Martin G. Petersen Event Center (720 12 th Street, Modesto)
October 29, 2010 (5:00 PM)	Essays due to the Superintendent’s Office at the Stanislaus County Office of Education
November 19, 2010	Winners will be notified
December 2, 2010 (7:00 PM)	Awards Ceremony at the Stanislaus County Office of Education

American Heritage 2010

"Since the days of Greece and Rome when the word 'citizen' was a title of honor, we have often seen more emphasis put on the rights of citizenship than on its responsibilities. And today, as never before in the free world, responsibility is the greatest right of citizenship and service is the greatest of freedom's privileges."

Robert F. Kennedy September 29, 1962 (Speech at the University of San Francisco Law School)

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, nor any place subject to their jurisdiction."

13th Amendment to the Constitution

Prompt:

Should a year of national service be required for all Americans?

Documentation of Sources and a Sample Bibliography

American Psychological Association Style

The American Psychological Association (APA) endorses a name-year parenthetical reference documentation system that is used in its journal and has come to be used by students in the social sciences and other disciplines or subjects. These citations work with an alphabetical References list at the end of your paper containing information that allows your readers to find the sources you have quoted, paraphrased or summarized.

Citing sources in the body of a paper APA Style

In-text citations identify a source by name (usually an author's last name) and a year (usually the copyrighted year). You can often structure your sentences to include this information. If you do not include this information in your sentence structure, you must put this information in parentheses.

If you refer to a source or book, etc., more than once in a paragraph, give the author's name and date the first time you mention the work. Any further quotes, paraphrases, or summaries within the same paragraph require only the author's name in parentheses.

APA style requires page numbers from the source for direct quotes only. Some instructors vary this rule, so it is best to always check with your teacher first. Put page numbers in parentheses, using the abbreviation **p.** for a single page number or **pp.** when the material you are citing falls on more than one page.

Citing a paraphrased or summarized source

People from the Mediterranean prefer an elbow to shoulder distance from each other (Morris, 1997). **[Last name and date cited in parentheses.]**

Citing the source of a short quotation

A recent report of reduction in SAD-related "depression in 87 percent of patients" (Binkley, 1990, p. 203) reverses the finding of earlier studies. **[Last name, date, and page reference in parentheses immediately following the quotation.]**

Binkley reports reductions in SAD-related "depression in 87 percent of patients" (1990, p. 203). **[Last name is used in the sentence to introduce the quotation; the date and page number are put in parentheses immediately following the quotation.]**

Formatting a long quotation and citing its sources

Incorporate a direct quotation of fewer than 40 words into your own sentence(s) and enclose it in quotation marks. When you use a quotation of longer than 40 words, set it off from your words by starting it on a new line and by indenting it 10 spaces from the left margin. Do **not** enclose it in quotation marks. Place the parenthetical citation two (2) spaces after the end punctuation of the last sentence.

Bibliography – APA

Bibliographic information is given in a list of sources at the end of the paper. When a list of sources includes only the sources actually referred to in a paper, it is called *References*. A source list that includes all the works a writer looks at, not just those referred to in the paper, is called *Bibliography*. The format for each entry in the bibliography will follow the same format as that of the References list.

Following are specific models that follow an APA-style *References* list.

Book by one author

Shaller, G. B. (1993). The Last Panda. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Book by two authors

Smith, R. J., and Gibbs, M. (1994). Navigating the Internet. Indianapolis, IN: Sams.

Book by three or more authors

McMahan, E., Day, S., and Funk, R. (1993). Nine Short Novels by American Women. New York: St. Martin's.

Two or more books by the same author(s)

Waller, R. J. (1993). Slow Waltz in Cedar Bend. New York: Warner Books.

Waller, R. J. (1994). Old Songs in a New Café. New York: Warner Books.

Book by group or corporate author

Environmental Defense Fund. (1990). Recycling and Incineration: Evaluating the Choice. Washington, DC: Island.

Citing A Court Case

Maryland v. Craig, 100 S. CT. 3160 (1990)

Speech

Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, (July 1848). Declarations of Sentiments and Resolutions. Seneca Falls Convention. Seneca Falls, NY.