STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST

Requirements:
• Create a short video based on any topic related to American history. You can choose a topic related to your own local or community history, or focus on an American history topic that interests you most.
• Submit a video of 5 minutes or less along with the official contest submission form.
• Contest submissions must include a submission form and a short (250 words maximum) description of the video and the American/local history topic covered.

Suggestions:
• Linking with episode topics in America The Story of Us is encouraged. Visit history.com/classroom to see the episode descriptions.
• Use of primary sources is strongly recommended. Get started by searching the Library of Congress online at www.loc.gov.
• Reach out to local libraries, historic societies, archives or even consult your own family files to find documents and items from your local community to incorporate into your video project.
• This year, the National History Day contest theme focuses on innovation in history, a great fit with many U.S. history topics. Visit them online to find out how to adapt your video to NHD guidelines and for tips on creating short documentaries: www.nhd.org/CategoryDocumentary.htm.

Student Video Contest Categories:
Middle School (6-8th grade)
High School (9th-12th grade)
College (ages 18-21)

Judging Criteria: Relevance to American history (25%); Creativity and originality (25%); Use of primary sources (25%); Quality of video/technique (25%)

Prizing:
There will be three prizes awarded for each contest category.
Grand prize: $5,000 (1 winner from each level)
First prize: $2,500 (1 winner from each level)
Second prize: $1,000 (1 winner from each level)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services’ and President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities’ engagement in these contests does not constitute an endorsement of HISTORY or any other entity.
The HISTORY Student Video Contest (the “Contest”) is open to middle school (6th through 8th grade) students in any accredited middle or junior high school in the United States. Students must be 16 years of age or younger and a legal resident of the United States as of the date of entry.

1. ELIGIBILITY.
(a) Each Entrant who participates in the Contest must complete and submit an Official Contest Entry Form (the “Entry”) with the information required by the Entry Form;
(b) Entries will be judged in three categories, videos by middle school students (grades 6-8), high school students (grades 9-12) and college (age 18+) students in any accredited high school or college in the United States;
(c) One Second Place First Prize winner within each category will receive from HISTORY a $2,000 cash award.

2. ENTRY.
(a) To enter the Contest, students must submit a short video related to any American history topic. Videos must be a minimum of 30 seconds and a maximum of 5 minutes in length.
(b) Each Entrant who submits an Entry represents and warrants that it is truthful and accurate, and that no part of the Entry has been used or submitted for any other contest or promotion, and that no part of the Entry was created in violation of the intellectual property rights of any person or entity.
(c) Entries must be submitted by mail. All entries must be submitted by mail and must be postmarked by May 28, 2010. Late entries will not be considered for judging.

3. JUDGING CRITERIA.
(a) Entries will be judged by the following criteria: 20% for relevance to American history, 25% for creativity, 25% for use of primary source, and 25% for quality of video/editing.
(b) Entries will be judged by a panel of judges who will evaluate the Entries according to the Judging Criteria listed above.

4. PRIZES.
(a) The FIRST Place Winner within each category will receive from HISTORY a $1,000 cash award.
(b) The SECOND Place Winner within each category will receive from HISTORY a $1,000 cash award.
(c) The THIRD Place Winner within each category will receive from HISTORY a $500 cash award.

5. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES.
(a) The Entrant hereby warrants that it has the right and authority to submit the Entry for the Contest and has not violated any right of any third party.
(b) The Entrant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold HISTORY (along with its respective officers, directors and employees, and successors and assigns) harmless from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Contest or the acceptance, use or possession of any Prizes awarded.

6. GENERAL.
(a) The Contest is subject to all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations.
(b) Except where prohibited by law, each Entrant grants to HISTORY a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, display, reproduce, broadcast, post, transmit, copy, adapt, modify, publish, create derivative works from, distribute and publicly perform the Entry or any portion thereof, including, without limitation, any biographical information, in whole or in part, and to authorize its agents and licensees to do the same for the Contest, and for advertising or publicity purposes, without additional compensation.
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7. CONTESTANT WILL NOT BE PAID FOR OR RECEIVE ANY FORM OF COMPENSATION FOR HER/HER ORIGINAL EXAMPLE IN EXCHANGE FOR GRANTING SPONSOR THESE RIGHTS. Each Entrant waives all intellectual property rights, privacy/publicity rights or other legal or moral rights in the Entry or her/his personal information as listed on the Entry.

8. DISQUALIFICATIONS.
(a) Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any Entry or Entrant, or to disqualify any Entrant in its sole discretion if it is determined to be ineligible to participate in the Contest for any reason.
(b) Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any Entrant in its sole discretion if Sponsor determines that any Entrant has attempted to tamper with the operation of the Contest.

9. TAXES.
(a) Payment of all taxes is the sole responsibility of each Entrant. Sponsor will not be responsible for any taxes or other incident expenses associated with the Contest.
(b) Sponsor will report to the Internal Revenue Service the value of the Prizes awarded to each Entrant.

10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.
(a) Sponsor is not responsible for any unsuccessful attempt by an Entrant to enter the Contest through any unauthorized or improper means.
(b) Sponsor is not responsible for any lost, late, misdirected, or damaged mail, telephone, fax, facsimile, computer data, electronic messages or other communication, regardless of cause, or for any human, mechanical, clerical, technical, electronic, network, internet, command line or computer error that may delay or prevent participation by an Entrant in the Contest.
(c) Sponsor is not responsible for any unauthorized access to an Entrant's personal information, or the theft, destruction or corruption of any communications, transmissions, data, or other electronic information.

11. DISPUTES.
(a) Any dispute or claim arising out of or connected with the Contest or the acceptance, possession of any Prizes awarded will be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to any principles of conflicts of law, and each Entrant submits to the jurisdiction of the Federal and State Courts located in New York.
(b) Each Entrant agrees to arbitrate any dispute or claim arising out of or connected with the Contest or the acceptance, possession of any Prizes awarded, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and each Entrant submits to the jurisdiction of the American Arbitration Association in New York County, New York.

12. WAIVER.
(a) Each Entrant hereby waives any right to trial by jury in any dispute or claim arising out of or connected with the Contest or the acceptance, possession of any Prizes awarded.

13. COPYRIGHT.
(a) All rights reserved. THE HISTORY(TM) 2010 OFFICIAL RULES reservesthe right to modify悬空. The history of the world is a story of constant change and progress, and the HISTORY Student Video Contest is no exception. Students are encouraged to submit entries that showcase their creativity and knowledge of American history. The contest is open to middle school students in grades 6-8, high school students in grades 9-12, and college students 18 years of age or older. Each category has its own judging criteria, but all entries must be submitted by mail and postmarked by May 28, 2010. The first place winner in each category will receive a $1,000 cash award, while the second and third place winners will receive $2,000 and $500, respectively. The contest is open to all students, and winners will be announced in the fall. For more information, visit history.com/contest.