

# American History Essay Contest

Chapters are encouraged to conduct the American History essay contest. All grade 5, 6, 7, and 8 students in a public, private, or parochial school, or those who are home schooled are eligible. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin.

**2012–2013 Topic: Focus on the often unrecognized people and groups, including African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanics, and others who provided military, patriotic, and public service in support of the American Revolution. Describe a particular person or group and how they supported the cause for American Independence. Explain why it is especially important to honor the unsung heroes and often forgotten patriots.**

**Title of Essay (to appear on the title page): "Forgotten Patriots Who Supported the American Struggle for Independence"**

One essay at each grade level is selected as the chapter winner and forwarded to the state American History chairman for state competition.

## Resources

### On-line Resources

- Wikipedia: [http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolutionary\\_War](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolutionary_War)  
See section on Black Americans, Native Americans, and French

### Reading Resources *For younger readers:*

- Marquette, Scott. *America at War: Revolutionary War*. Rourke Publishing. Vero Beach, FL. 2003.
- Slavicek, Louise. *Women In History: Women of the American Revolution*. Lucent Books. Thomson Gale Publishers. Farmington Hills, MI. 2003.
- Zeman, Anne and Kate Kelly. *Everything You Need to Know About American History Homework*. Scholastic Inc. New York, NY. 1994.
- Patrick, Diane. *The New York Public Library: Amazing African American History*. John Wiley & Sons Inc. New York, NY. 1998.

### *For older students:*

- Burrows, Edwin G. *Forgotten Patriots: The Untold Story of American Prisoners During the Revolutionary War*. Basic Books. NY. 2008.
- Berkin, Carol. *Revolutionary Mothers: Women in the Struggle for America's Independence*. Alfred A. Knopf. NY. 2005.
- Ketchum, Richard M. Editor. *The American Heritage Book of the Revolution*. American Heritage Publishing Co. NY. 1958.

## Deadlines

### Rachel Donelson Chapter Deadline is December 1.

Chapter Chairmen send winning entries to State Chairman to be received by **January 1**. State chairmen send winning essays to division vice chairmen, to be received by **March 1**. Division vice chairmen send division winners to the national vice chairmen, to be received by **April 1** for the judging process.

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